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### Town Fetes Soccer Team, Honored Citizens



BEFORE THE START OF LAST MONDAY night's Town Council meeting, the Agawam Town Council honored both the Agawam High girls' soccer team, the 1987 Division I co-state champions, as well as the Annual "Honored Citizens." In top photo, Council President Donald M. Rheault (right) presents soccer coach Bill O'Brien and team captains Michele Urbinati, Kelly Sullivan, and Beth Whittaker with a proclamation from the town that notes the team's great success this year.



AWARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS David Skolnick (left) and Edward G. Borgatti (right) are pictured with the 1987 "Honored Citizens" from the town for their outstanding contributions to the community. Pictured are Susan Pettazzoni, William T. Walsh, Jr., Marilyn Curry, and Barbara Hodges.

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## Editorial

# Credit Card Uproar Another Debacle For Town Manager

**Lack of LEADERSHIP.** Again and again this chord chimes louder and louder under the administration of Town Manager Reid S. Charles.

The recent snafu regarding the town's use of a Mastercard with a \$1,000 limit for town business is the latest example.

Town Councilor Andrew C. Gallano, not exactly an individual who's been praised in this space in the past, brought forward the matter at an Agawam Town Council meeting this past Monday night.

Gallano raised many questions and issued several strong innuendos at both Charles and Town Clerk Richard M. Theroux, who used the card for a \$77.25 bill at a Northampton Restaurant.

While rumors of the credit card have been circulating around town for several weeks, Gallano verbally spanked Theroux and Charles Monday night. Charles failed to respond.

What Charles did say and what has appeared from him in the press is a) department heads requested the card; and b) he closely scrutinizes the card. That was it.

In the meantime, Town Accountant Carol Taylor, who approved the expenditure to be paid, and Theroux, who used the card, were put in questionable positions because the manager **WOULD NOT** explain the policy, as well as answer Gallano's questions. Who's the boss?

Charles might have simply said, "Look, Mr. Gallano. We are running a \$30 million business here. A use of a credit card is legal and necessary. I closely monitor the card and I don't find any problem with using it under certain circumstances, all authorized by my office."

"I requested the card be applied for. I authorized Mr. Theroux to use it. And I authorized Miss Taylor to pay the bill. My name is on the card and I will be more than delighted to supply you and any other councilor with all information pertaining to the card's use, as well as the legality of using it, both now and in the past. If there are any problems with the card, I'll personally assume responsibility and immediately take the proper action. I'll also take under advisement your call to discontinue it, but as town manager, it's my decision."

Period.

Instead, what Charles did was say little, if anything.

His silence put several of his department heads into unfavorable positions as innuendos and hype grew.

We agree with Gallano that use of a credit card in a municipality is rather unorthodox. The area cities and towns we contacted, including the Town of Metheun, Massachusetts, who's town government closely resembles ours, said they do not use municipal credit cards for town employees.

The normal procedures require a town employee to get reimbursed for an expense or have a check drawn from the town for equipment or services rendered. The School Department follows that procedure. There are sufficient funds in the budget to do so.

Several department heads told us Tuesday they didn't know the credit card was in existence, nor had they **EVER SEEN IT**. And from the reaction we've been receiving around town to the credit card, Charles is faring badly.

Now, it's up to his department heads to defend the card, as shown in an article in the *Springfield Union News* Tuesday where

Theroux, DPW Superintendent John P. Stone, and Jack Kunasek, director of Building Maintenance, agreed that there is nothing wrong with the policy.

From what we can gather, Stone first asked for the card to be used for lodging for potential town engineer candidates - that was the extent the card would be used for. The loyalty being expressed to Charles by several of his department heads is admirable on their parts - but that doesn't change a thing.

But because the use of a credit card by a municipality is so highly-unusual; because of the manner and many questions that lingered after Gallano's statements Monday night; and because of the weakened state the Charles administration finds itself under, an administrative practice that, in Charles' own words, is legal, has mushroomed into another headline-grabbing debacle.

Moreover, several of Charles' key department heads are under the gun from members of the council and the public (as well) due to a lack of communication and lack of leadership from Reid S. Charles.

We agree with Gallano that nixing the credit card would be the best policy. Also, from what we can gather, the consensus of the council seems to be pointed in the same direction.

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault told us, "If I had been advised when the credit card was being applied for, I would have been strongly opposed. There are mechanisms already in place to reimburse town employees. Use of a credit card in the municipality is not a good practice."

Town Councilor David Skolnick, a person we've always considered a mainstream and neutral type, told us, "I believe use of the credit card is improper. There are sufficient funds in the budget to fairly reimburse town employees. The consensus of the council the other night clearly directed Mr. Charles to stop using the credit card. We'll just have to see what happens over the next few weeks and after the first of the year."

Unfortunately, the main focus of the credit card snafu is a \$77.25 meal bill at a Northampton restaurant, instead of where the buck supposedly stops in the town's administrative affairs - the town manager's office.

In our view, Charles again had the opportunities to keep himself from the political fires in Agawam - and once again, as has happened so many times before, snafus, debacles, and controversy follow him every day.

## Melconian Pushing Children's Trust Fund To Battle Child Abuse

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced today that the Senate engrossed legislation she sponsored to establish a children's trust fund and a child abuse prevention board for the purpose of funding child abuse prevention programs.

"I am pleased with the Senate's adoption of this important children's bill. A Western Massachusetts initiative, this legislation originated with the Springfield Office for Children and the Springfield Youth Commission."

"Three years ago, Jerry Mogul came to me with an idea to create a children's trust fund to prevent child abuse and neglect through education, counseling, nutrition, and training programs beginning with the pregnant mother. I thought it had merit. At the time, we were working on a comprehensive child abuse treatment bill, which became law."

"I believed that we must first help those children who had been abused, and who needed treatment and required state protection from their abusers. But I was concerned also about what kind of measures we could take to prevent the terrible psychological, physical, and emotional abuse from occurring. We were just beginning to learn about the patterns of behavior which lead to child abuse. We wrote a bill. Senate action is the product of three years of efforts," said Senator Melconian.

She added, "It has not been easy. Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman Patricia McGovern had been a strong opponent of this legislation, which died last year in her committee. After much negotiation, the tide turned last week with a favorable vote in the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The battle has been long and arduous. Hopefully, the House will act expeditiously so that the children of the Commonwealth will be victorious."

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Passage of the Children's Trust Fund will provide a mechanism through which financial assistance from public and private sources, including state appropriations, grants, donations, and federal reimbursements, will be used to establish programs to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The method of funding has been the biggest stumbling block. The legislation has provided for a tax check-off which was deleted by the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and funding will depend heavily on the appropriations process. A prevention board, an independent board within the governor's office, will have the primary function of contracting with public and private non-profit organizations for the establishment of child abuse prevention programs. It will have the authority to award grants to cities, towns and public school systems.

The board, composed of 21 members, will include the secretaries of Human Services and Economic Affairs, the commissioners of the Office for Children and the Department of Social Service, Youth Services, Mental Health, Education, Public Health and Public Welfare, and 12 members from the private sector to be appointed by the governor.

Over 40 states have already enacted similar legislation. "Unquestionably, the need for these kind of prevention programs is evident. Hampden County leads the Commonwealth in the number of child abuse cases reported to the Department of Social Services, and has the highest number of convictions of crimes resulting from child abuse and neglect. The future of our children depends upon speeding enactment of this measure," said Senator Melconian.



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## Police Arrest 5, Answer 201 Calls Last Week

Agawam Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey of the Agawam Police Department today released the crime statistics for week ending Sunday, December 6th.

Police responded to a total of 201 calls, including five arrests.

Activity included one armed robbery, one breaking and entering, five arrests, 13 larcenies, 14 malicious damages, 16 nuisance persons, 22 suspicious activity, 18 alarms (17 false), 12 property damage calls due to accidents, and three personal injuries due to accidents.

Also, there were five Fire Department assists, 19 ambulance assists, 11 citizen assists, seven disturbances, 11 disabled motor vehicles, and nine civil disturbances.

On November 30th, **Grace E. Lutz**, 166 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arrest was made at the scene of a one car accident in front of 351 Meadow Street by Officer Richard Curry.

On December 3rd, **James McNelis**, 691 South West Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Richard Light, Jr.

On December 3rd, **Robert Anderson**, 1157 South West Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr., and Detective Thomas Marmo.

On December 4th, **Robert J. Brodeur**, 107 Woodmont Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Subsequent computer check showed outstanding warrants from West Springfield and South Yarmouth Police Departments. Arresting officers were Daniel Ciak and Gary O'Brien.

On December 6th, **Neil O'Sullivan**, 29A Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with three outstanding Springfield Police Department warrants for assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, larceny over \$100 and assault and battery. Arresting officers were Karen Cormier and Eric Camerlin.

All the hometown news with us

### Municipal Events

#### GRAND NATIONAL AUTO

Tuesday, December 16th  
School Committee Meeting  
Junior High School  
7:00 P.M.

Monday, December 21st  
Town Council Meeting  
Public Library  
8:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 10th  
Board of Appeals  
Town Hall Annex  
7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, December 23rd  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS BREAK

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## Agawam Crime Prevention...

### D.A.R.E. Update

by Officer Wayne Macey

Agawam Crime Prevention Bureau

Project D.A.R.E. is presently in full swing within the town's school system. Half of the fifth grade students in the Middle School are in their 13th week of a 17-week program. In mid-January they will have completed all course work and a graduation ceremony, complete with diploma, will be held. At this time the second half of the fifth grade will start and continue with the program until another graduation ceremony is held in the spring.

D.A.R.E. has been well-received by the students and is enjoying the full cooperation and assistance of Ralph Zavarella, principal, William Sapelli, vice principal, and all teachers involved. Without their full support, the program would be impossible.

Granger School is the first elementary school in Agawam to have D.A.R.E. in its classrooms. By way of a modified version of the full program, students in kindergarten through grade four all receive two 45-minute sessions dealing with safety, strangers, medicines, and some of the different problems and pressures their particular age groups will encounter.

On Friday, December 11th, the program will be complete and will move on to Robinson Park School sometime early in January.

Once Robinson School is done, it will be on to Phelps, and then James Clark School. By sometime in early April, each elementary school child will have

touched bases with Project D.A.R.E.

The kids' attitude towards the program has been one of enthusiasm and excitement. They seem to enjoy role-playing, participation games, and some of the visual aids employed in some of the lessons. They also enjoy telling me all of their stories. If the kids have anything to say about it, D.A.R.E. will be a success.

I am presently involved in fundraising to keep the program afloat in its first year. Money has been donated by several organizations including the Agawam Junior Women's Club, the Granger P.T.O., Phelps P.T.O., Feeding Hills Grange, and the Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post 1632 of Agawam.

We have also received a generous donation from Richard Abdow, president of United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 1459, of Springfield. More money is needed to pay for notebooks, supplies, D.A.R.E. logo items for the kids, films, and graduation items.

Hopefully, funding can be obtained for next year without need for donations. I will be visiting businesses and organizations in town to raise the remaining monies necessary to complete this year's commitment. Anyone wishing to donate can make checks payable to Agawam Police D.A.R.E.

Special thanks to James Loomis, principal, Granger School and Phyllis Lewis, Granger teacher.

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Here are the Agawam Fire Department's rules and regulations during the Christmas season for public buildings, places of assembly, hotels, family hotels, stores, public or private institutions, public or private school buildings, churches, theaters, special halls, public halls, or miscellaneous halls.

1. A natural tree shall not be permitted. Only artificial flame retardant and metallic trees are permitted.
2. Artificial trees shall be flame proof or of flame resistant material. Such trees must carry a UL label or a label from a nationally recognized testing laboratory indicating that such trees have been tested and approved for use.
3. Trees shall not be over seven (7) feet in height.
4. Trees shall not be placed near any exit, stairway, or elevator shaft. All means of ingress and egress from the building must be maintained free, clear, and unobstructed at all times.
5. Trees shall be placed away from all sources of heat.
6. A spot light may be used to light up the tree, providing it is kept a safe distance from the tree.

7. Smoking shall not be permitted in the vicinity of the tree.
8. Electric lights are not permitted on metallic trees.
9. Electric lights will be permitted on artificial flame retardant trees, provided that they are of the low wattage type.
10. All light strings and extension cords must be in proper condition and not frayed.
11. All paper streamers, cotton and bunting, and all other decorations must be of flame retardant material.
12. All exits shall be properly lighted. Emergency lights shall be provided and be in proper working order.

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# Call Firemen Selling Xmas Trees On Suffield St.



AGAWAM CALL FIREMEN Wayne Corliss (Lt.), Bill Collins (firefighter), and John Johnson (Lt.) sell Christmas Trees on Suffield Street last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BILLY COLLINS, 8, is pictured next to the sign promoting the sale of Christmas Trees by the Agawam Call Firemen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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| Ronzoni Elbows - 1 Lb. Pkg.           | 2/\$1.00 |
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| Fresh Ground Chuck (5 Lbs. Or More) | \$1.59 Lb. |
| Frozen Hamburg Patties - 5 Lb. Box  | \$8.95     |
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| Sweet Life Beef Franks              | \$1.69 Lb. |

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| Carando Mortadella                  | \$2.49 Lb. |
| Cooper CV Sharp Cheese              | \$2.49 Lb. |

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# Feeding Hills Post Office Hit By Xmas Mail



**THE WORD IS MAIL EARLY!** Feeding Hills Post Office Letter Carriers Shirley Taylor (left) and Cynthia Meyer sort through mail earlier this week as the busy holiday season is on! Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**GLEN KURTZENKO and RON TANGUAY** both would appreciate the good people of Feeding Hills to please mail early this holiday season. Both are employees at Feeding Hills Post Office. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**BRING IT OVER HERE:** Letter Carrier Matt Cancelliere can't believe that Dan Jamroz is bringing over another bundle of mail for him to sort through.

## Clerk Richard Theroux Elected To Mass. Clerk's Association

Robert J. Ebersole, president of the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association, has announced that Town Clerk Richard M. Theroux has been elected to the executive board of the Town Clerk's Association.

Theroux took his new post on the seven-member board December 2nd at an association conference in Framingham.

He also serves on the educational committee of the association.

Theroux, who resides on Ley Street with his wife, Carol, and children, Katharine and Michael, has been town clerk here the past five years.

He was a past Town Council president and a Town Councilor for 11 years before being appointed clerk. He is also a former teacher at Springfield Technical Community College and in the Springfield School System.

He is a graduate of Western New England College.

## Agawam Public Library Now Accepting Clerk Applications

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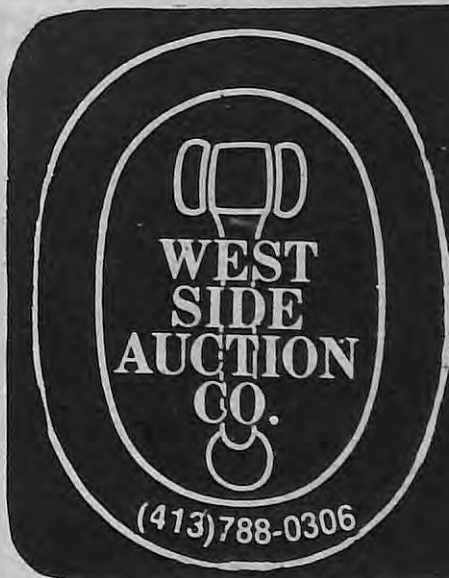
The fiscal year 1986-87 minimum salary is \$10,749.44 per year; the maximum salary is \$12,447.24 per year, depending on experience. A 6½ percent increase has been negotiated by the Clerical Union for Fiscal Year 1987-88, and has been submitted to the Town Council for approval. The position also includes good benefits.

Further information and applications may be obtained from the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, 789-1550. Applications may be obtained and must be submitted to the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 36 Main Street.

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

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## Mrs. Claus Offering Discount Ski Cards For Lung Association

Mrs. Claus is appreciative to Santa for the discount ski cards he gave her.

Both downhill and cross country skiers can also get discounted skiing from Santa Claus this year and help the Lung Association.

The Ski Privilege Card gives downhill skiers one-time skiing at each of eight Western Massachusetts areas—a \$150 value for only \$30. Participating ski areas include **Berkshire East Ski Area, Bousquet Ski Area, Brodie Mountain Ski Resort, Butternut Basin, Catamount Ski Area, Jiminy Peak Resort, Mount Tom Ski Area, and Otis Ridge Ski Area.**

The Cross Country Ski Card offers not only cross country skiing at 11 Western Massachusetts areas, but also a 10 percent discount at six bed and breakfast inns for only \$15. Participating areas include **Brodie Touring Center, Bucksteep Manor, Canterbury Farm, Hickory Hill Touring Center, Maple Corner Farm, Northfield Mountain, Oak 'n Spruce, Otis Ridge Ski Area, Quabbin Hills Touring Center, Springfield College East Campus, and Stump Sprouts.**

Bed and breakfast inns included in this offer are **Baird Tavern, Cumworth Farm, The Hill Gallery, Outlook Farm, Twin Maples, and the Worthington Inn.**

Specific details and any restrictions are available by calling the "Christmas Seal People," 737-3506 in Springfield, or 443-7217 in Pittsfield.

## Catholic Women's Club To Hold Meeting Dec. 14th

The December 14th meeting of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club will include an evening of Advent Prayer, including music, conducted by Father Jeremiah McGrath.

The meeting and program will be held in the large hall and the program will be introduced by Program Chairwoman Angela Beaudry. The meeting will be conducted by President, Mrs. William Hayes.

Hospitality is under the direction of Esther McKinley and her committee. Please remember non-perishable food for the Open Pantry.

## Chamber Names Prize Winner



**AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** President Donald Anderson (right) and Retail Committee Chairman Richie Mitnick congratulate Suffield resident Debbie Roy for being named the winner of the big prize for the Chamber of Commerce's fall promotion. Advertiser News photo by

Jack Devine.

## Community Grange Slates Christmas Party Dec. 15th

The Community Grange Christmas Party will be held December 15th, at 7:00 p.m., in Grange Hall. Members please note change in the time of the meeting.

Children, grandchildren, and Junior Grange with their parents will be our guests.

Clown Nicole Marsh will entertain us and Santa Claus will also pay a visit. Refreshments will follow the program. Master Pauline Provost is in charge.

## The Joseph DiVirgilio Family Announces Birth Of Child

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DiVirgilio of Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills, have announced the birth of a son, Christopher Anthony, November 30th.

His brother and sister, Joey and Cara, welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Vicki DiVirgilio of Main Street, Agawam, and Frank & Helen Biza of Monroe Street, Agawam.

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# Heritage Hall News, Notes, Activities

## RESIDENT OF THE WEEK!

### Adelcisa Borsari

Adelcisa Borsari was born in Alberone, Italy, January 22nd. She was raised and attended school there. Adelcisa married her husband, Adalfe, April 5th, 1914, in Italy.

Shortly after their marriage, they came to the United States and settled in West Springfield. Adelcisa's career was one she enjoyed, being a mother and housewife. She has six children - four children, Inez, Jennie, Helen, and Anna, and two sons, Richard and Andrew.

Adelcisa has 18 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. In her younger years, she enjoyed hobbies of playing cards, going to movies, knitting and of course, baby-sitting for her grandchildren. Today, she continues to enjoy visits from her devoted family and participates in a variety of programs.

Heritage Hall is pleased to have Adelcisa as a member of its family.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

### Margaret Cantin

Margaret Cantin was chosen as "Employee of the Month" for November. She has been employed at Heritage Hall since 1968. Margaret began her career in Heritage Hall South as an activity director, and transferred to the North Building in January 1975.

Margaret consistently demonstrates her ability through her work and achievements. She retains certificates from the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association as a technician, National Council for Therapeutic Recreation as a Therapeutic Recreation assistant, and National Certification Council for Activity Professionals as an activity director.

Margaret has a great relationship with residents, family members, and staff members.

Congratulations as "Employee of the Month," Margaret!

## I Remember

### by Florence Way

"Many years ago when I was a little girl, I really did believe in Santa Claus.

On Christmas Eve we were made to go to bed earlier than we usually did, so that Mother and Dad could do the Christmas tree trimming and gift arrangements. We went to bed by 8:00 p.m.

It was about 10:00 p.m., on this Christmas Eve, that this story is about. I was awakened from my sleep by

voices coming from the living room. I listened for a few minutes and got up to see what was going on. My Mother and Dad were busy trimming the tree and placing gifts and toys under it. My Dad happened to turn around and saw me in the doorway. He took me back to my room and scolded me, telling me that Santa was looking through the window and maybe he would not leave me anything for what I had done. I quickly fell asleep.

The next morning I was up by 7:00 a.m. Santa had left me a doll, and a set of dolly dishes, new shoes, a dress, and a Christmas stocking full of other gifts.

After breakfast Mama got the rest of the family dressed and took us to church for the Christmas service. After service we went to visit the Christmas Manger, which was displayed at one of the side-altars. The visit to the Manger was one of the highlights of the day.

These wonderful memories of Christmas have lasted a lifetime."

## SOCIAL

### Thanksgiving Tea!

Thanksgiving is a tradition celebrated nationwide. Various other traditions are added to this holiday. The Thanksgiving Tea has been the annual tradition at Heritage Hall for many years.

At this yearly event, residents that are 90 years of age or older are also recognized. Every new member welcomed to the "90 or Over Club" receives a carnation and a Presidential Greeting Card.

This year the residents also presented volunteer Barbara Hill with a beautiful bouquet of tea roses for her birthday; she admits to being 39.

Heritage Hall would like to extend a "special thank-you" to Barbara for sharing her time and musical talents with us.

## COMMUNITY

### Helping Hands!

Residents of Heritage Hall began their holiday decorating, assisted by Bernie Pallapak and several students from his C.C.D. class. Students Heather Wynne, Kim Nacewicz, and Lana Quintal wrapped paintings to resemble presents and hung them in the hallways. A Christmas decoration was hung on every resident's door.

Alice Cote and Violet Moore also assisted residents in decorating various other parts of the home.

Heritage Hall would like to extend a thank-you to Bernie Pallapak and the students of his C.C.D. class for their helping hands.

## Lung Association To Sponsor Asthma Support Group

American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts is continuing to sponsor a support group for parents of children with asthma. This support group is coordinated by Doris Callan of Wilbraham and Virginia Bargatti of Agawam. It gives parents of children with asthma a chance to meet other parents and families who experience traumatic episodes in their lives, and to share feelings, frustrations, and ideas, as well as learning what asthma is, and how to live with it.

The next meeting, Thursday, December 17th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., will be at the Lung Health Center at the American Lung Association office, 393 Maple Street, Springfield.

## Mr. & Mrs. David Kreps Announce Birth Of Son

Mr. & Mrs. David Kreps announce the birth of their first child, David Joseph, born October 19th. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents include Mr. & Mrs. William Haracek of Feeding Hills, and Mr. & Mrs. Meldren Kreps of Williamsburg, Massachusetts.

## Laureen J. Benander Promoted By Community Savings Bank

Community Savings Bank has named three new officers of the bank, according to President and CEO, Roy A. Scott.

Laureen J. Benander of Feeding Hills has been promoted to assistant vice president, Training and Development. Ms. Benander joined the bank last March as part of the Human Resources Department.

Darilynn L. Nardi has been elevated to assistant treasurer. Mrs. Nardi has been a savings supervisor at Community's Liberty Street, Springfield branch. She has been with the bank for seven years and resides in Agawam with husband, Gary, and daughter, Jennifer.

Peter J. Sherman has been promoted to assistant vice president, Operations Services. Sherman, a resident of Spencer, was previously the manager of Operations Services and joined Community in March.

In addition, Richard O. Cheney of South Hadley has been named manager of Community's Sixteen Acres branch. Cheney came to Community from Mechanics Savings Bank of Hartford.

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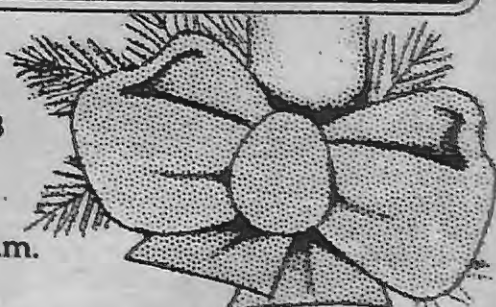
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## Holiday Hosts Should Not Be A "Pour Host"

Host the perfect holiday party this year for you and your friends. Toast a truly happy, healthy, and safe new year. "Don't be a 'pour host,'" says Francis Maloney, Jr., of the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley.

"Parties around this time of the year can be fun for all. You can have a wonderful time without the zap afterwards," stated Maloney. "All it takes is a little thought and preplanning."

The Auto Club of Pioneer Valley offers several suggestions for party hosting.

**\*Make non-alcoholic beverages available** and be certain that everyone knows where they are.

**\*Help guests pace their drinks.** The liver can only metabolize one drink per hour. Don't rush to fill glasses. If guests wish to sip drinks, let them.

**\*Serve tempting food** throughout the evening, but avoid preparing salty or highly-seasoned foods and snacks as these make your guests thirsty.

**\*Don't be a "pour" host** and push drinks on your guests. Let guests mix their own drinks.

**\*Remember that beer, wine, and hard liquor all "pack the same punch" per drink.** A 12-ounce can of beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, and a typical 1½-ounce serving of hard liquor (straight or in a mixed drink) all have the same amount of alcohol and the same intoxicating potential. Beer and wine merely have more water added to the alcohol in each serving.

**\*Mix "spiked" punches with a non-carbonated base.** Alcohol is absorbed by the body much faster when combined with a carbonated mixer. Fruit juice or tea are preferable bases for alcoholic punches or mixed drinks.

**\*Focus attention on food.** Food slows the rate the body absorbs alcohol. High protein foods such as cheese and meats are especially good because they stay in the stomach longer. A tray of crisp vegetables with a sour cream or cream cheese dip is also good.

**\*Divert attention away from the bar.** Keep guests circulating with games, conversation, or dancing. Set an example yourself and don't overindulge.

**\*Stop serving alcoholic beverages about an hour before the party is to end.** Bring out tempting non-alcoholic hot or cold drinks, in addition to the coffee or tea.

**\*Encourage one person in each group to be a designated driver.** Award a small gift to the individual in a group or couple who decides not to drink, thereby assuring a safe ride home for other guests.

**\*Use normal sized portions or less for drinks.** Do not pour "stiff" or "strong" drinks. A one-ounce jigger is considered "normal."

**\*Convince guests who have too much to drink to stay over.** If this is not the best alternative, arrange transportation with a sober friend or call a taxi. Think of what you will do beforehand so you won't have any surprises and will be able to handle a situation with authority. Remember—only time can sober someone up!

Holiday time can be fun. There's no need for parties to end tragically. So, don't be a "pour" host. 'Tis the season to be jolly. **Be first a friend then a host.**

## Agawam Obituaries

### Priscilla J. Deveno

Priscilla J. (Packard) Deveno, 66, of 299 College Highway, Southwick, chairwoman of the Southwick School Committee, died in Noble Hospital, Westfield.

She was the committee's chairwoman for the past four years, and its secretary for the six years prior.

Mrs. Deveno was a teacher of English and art at Agawam Junior High School for 19 years, and previously taught in Southwick and Westfield Schools.

Born in Houlton, Maine, she lived in Southwick most of her life. She was a graduate of Westfield State College.

Mrs. Deveno was a member of the Agawam Education Association, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and the National Education Association. She was past president of the Parent-Teachers Association in Southwick and a former chairwoman for the March of Dimes in Springfield.

She also was secretary for the Southwick Bicentennial Committee, and a member of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau and the Massachusetts Horse Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Deveno was the president of the Lower Pioneer Valley Education Association and was on the board of governors for the Lower Pioneer Valley Vocational Education Association. She also was a 4-H Club leader and a member of Southwick Congregational Church.

She leaves her husband, Neil Deveno; two sons, David T. and John P., both of Southwick; two brothers, Joseph Packard and Putnum Packard, both of Florida; two sisters, Sally Viets of Connecticut and Patricia Packard of Southwick; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Southwick Funeral Home with burial in the spring at New Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Southwick Ambulance Fund, 11 Depot Street, Southwick, MA, 01077.

### James A. Bertram

James A. Bertram, 86, of 464 Main Street, Agawam, retired employee of the Westover Air Force Base Officers Club, died in a local nursing home. He retired in 1968 after eight years' service. He previously was employed by H.P. Hood Company of Springfield for 19 years.

Born in South Hadley, he lived in Southwick before moving to Agawam. His wife, the former Ethel Barnes, died in 1974.

He leaves a son, Richard E. of Belchertown; a daughter, Marian Reiss of Riverside, California; a brother, Edward of West Springfield; a sister, Margaret Schlick of Huntsville, Alabama; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Forestdale Cemetery, Holyoke, at the convenience of the family.

### E. Elsie White

E. Elsie (Warden) White, 101, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in West Springfield, she moved to Agawam 20 years ago. She was a member of First Methodist Church of West Springfield, Aaket Rebekah Lodge, West Springfield Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Agawam Golden Agers. Her husband, Howard G. White, died in 1957.

She leaves no known relatives. A graveside service was in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, Main Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089.

## Is Your Pet Safe This Holiday Season???

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals asks pet owners: Is your pet safe this holiday season?

A house full of seasonal plants, decorations, and treats may spell disaster for pets and owners alike if special precautions are not taken to keep pets away from the following holiday temptations:

**\*Seasonal Plants**—Poinsettias, Holly, and Mistletoe are poisonous when ingested.

**\*Tree trimmings**—Tinsel, ornaments and lights may tempt curious dogs and cats, but when broken or ingested may cause serious injuries.

**\*Holiday foods**—Chocolate can be fatal to pets as well as poultry bones which easily splinter and lodge in a dog or cat's throat.

**\*Pet toys**—Just as children's toys can be harmful or safe, so can pet toys. Choose toys that are non-toxic and without removable parts which can be easily swallowed.

When you are out of the house, allow your four-legged friend a room of its own—free from holiday hazards. And keep a watchful eye on your playful pup or kit when you are home so you can both enjoy a safe, happy holiday.

The MSPCA offers this additional seasonal suggestion: If you are planning to surprise someone with a new pet for the holidays, why not get them a gift certificate from one of the MSPCA's eight shelters to avoid giving a "present" they may not be ready for!

For more information, call the MSPCA, 617-522-7400.

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### The Maple Grove CEMETERY - Part II

#### Historic Past Recalled

The significance of the Maple Grove Cemetery in Feeding Hills might not at first seem obvious; that is, until one ponders upon the subtleties of the past.

In her *Agawam Town History*, town historian Edith LaFrancis makes mention of the earliest marker in this cemetery (dated to the year 1829). Yet Mrs. LaFrancis does refer to the fact that the property was a part of the Leonard Johnson farm (pre-1850's) and was adjacent to the farmhouse itself!

According to the town history, the earliest of the "readable" stone markers dates to 1829. Although this stone is attributed to the wife of Alexander Smith, it remains that the "cemetery was started on the original Leonard Johnson farm and was not enlarged." Is it possible that earlier burials are interred?

It is interesting to note that Mrs. LaFrancis' words denote the possibility that as late as the 1820's, there were those Yankee people who still buried their deceased on their own premises! In this respect, we suggest that our early forefathers were intent on their desire to "take care of their own!", a lesson that today's society might learn from the traditions of the past.

That these early settlers, indeed, those of the 19th century, were still intent on locating their deceased family members within close proximity to the family homestead, is most probable in terms of our own experience in locating members of the Stockwell family who built and resided on our property on Southwick Street (mid-late 18th century).

To date, we have been unable to locate the gravesites of so many of the Stockwell family who once resided at the Stockwell-Beebe House. It is just possible that at least some few members of this ancient and honorable family of Stockwells are buried somewhere nearby, on adjacent property, now developed with new homesites.

Further proof of this conjecture is the fact that during recent modernization of the crossroads, we were able to find a small portion of what appears to be a white-stone marker...perhaps a grave marker. Is it possible that this artifact is the only remains of a gravestone of some member of the Stockwell family, buried on the property, prior to the Stockwells' sale of said lands to Artemas Beebe, circa 1789?

#### Of Still Further Historical Importance

In Town Councilman Andrew Gallano's report of 1962, concerning the location of local veteran's burial sites, the Maple Grove Cemetery includes no less than two Revolutionary soldiers and nine Civil War soldiers; a large number of veterans on the basis of the size of the burial grounds.

Even then there remains the possibility that more veterans than accounted for are buried in this cemetery.

The fact remains that this particular cemetery is most representative of a burial grounds that must be considered sacred, not only to the dead, but to some of the earliest citizens of the western-most sector of the village of Feeding Hills. Names such as **Johnson**, **Beebe**, and **Cornish** are synonymous with the growth of our village during the late 18th/early 19th century.

Considering the present growth of this final section of our town and village, the town might have been wise to purchase the remaining Southern fragment of land to extend the burial site (that it might provide an eternal resting place for those village residents who might desire to remain close to their residence).

#### In A Final Word

We shall terminate this story in the hopes that it has opened the minds of our readers to the importance of this long forgotten resting place for those who came before us. There is much to be learned from visiting our local burial grounds.

In this, we of the present must submit our obligation to perpetuate enduring devotion and dedication to our past; they who preceeded us may have eternal satisfaction in their lasting peace. Should we forget our past, and those who came before us, then we have forsakened our ultimate obligation.

What remains of the original Maple Grove Cemetery serves to remind us all of the once tranquil and agrarian past of our town. Despite the overdevelopment and confusion of the present, we are reminded of that once-quiet rural community that was Feeding Hills, indeed, Agawam.

Today, the Maple Grove burial grounds remains intact within the confines of granite corner stones with iron rails, where once a wooden fence enclosed these sacred grounds. Bit by bit, with time, this immortal resting place gives way to so-called modernization. Yet, the voices of the past speak loud and clear of the downfall of a once proud and agrarian New England village.

As the modern developer trespasses upon the very grounds of our natural environment, souls of the first Americans to this region cry out against the travesty of the very laws of nature.

It's not enough to say "Let the Dead Rest In Peace," rather that the living should protect the future of our town and village! In this respect, we should like to say more concerning the Johnson family to whom we owe much for the original establishment of the burial grounds which contain a few important former residents of the outer village.

Known veterans at Maple Grove Cemetery —  
**Revolution:** Abel Griswald, Henry Hedges.

**Civil War:** Aretus Loomis, Byron Roberts, Alcyrion Rowley, Charles Sykes, Edson H. Todd.

**Unknown:** John Williams, Henry Woodman; William Worthington.

Compiled from the Veteran's List researched by Andrew Gallano when he was Veteran's Agent.

That information on the Johnson family will come next week.

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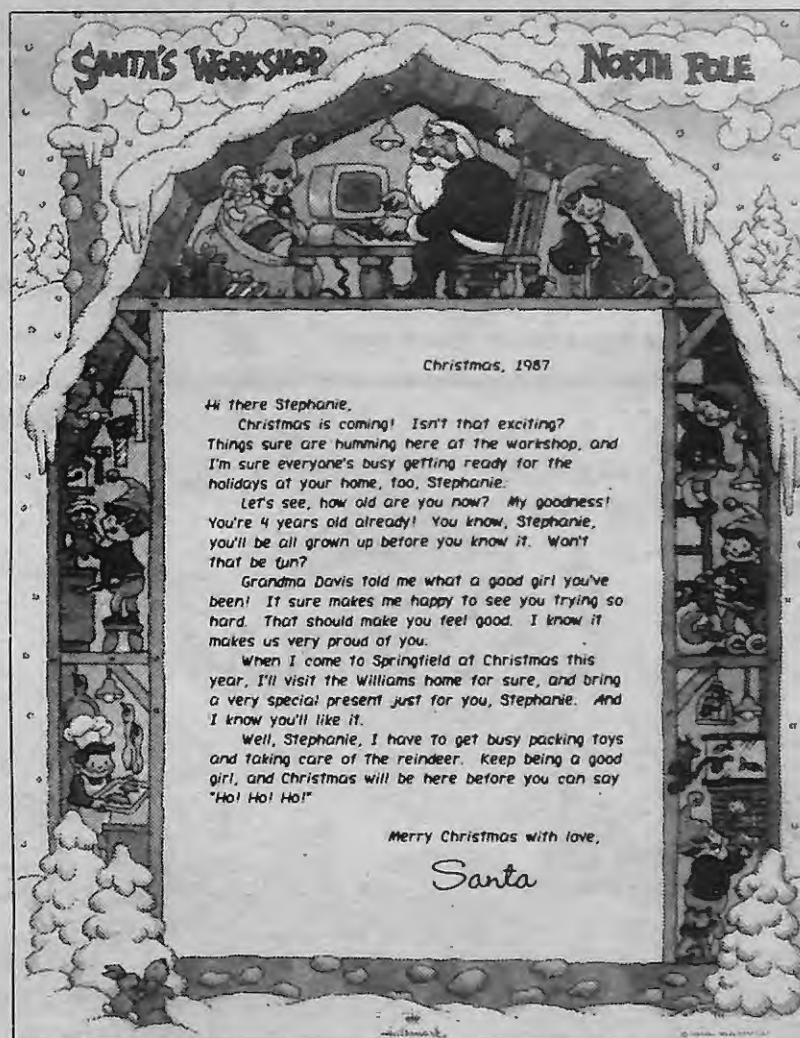
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**DELICIOUS TURKEY DINNER:** A full turkey dinner was served at the Agawam Senior Center, Tuesday, November 24th, to begin celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. In photo left - Kathryn Balas and Celia Subotin are pictured enjoying their noontime dinner; and in photo right, Flo Breton, Irene Canty, and Elmer Roosa have just sat down to the hearty meal.

## Golden Age Club II Celebrates Christmas

President **Louis Scherpa** of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, smiled and was very pleased when ticket Chairman **Harvey Leger** said 190 members and friends were attending the Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef on December 2nd.

"It was the best party we ever had," stated member **Edward Grimes**, who arranged all the table seatings in the festive Tivoli Room at Chez Josef. Guests were joyfully greeted as they entered the reception foyer by animated Santa Claus figures, inviting everyone to join in the social hour with crackers, dips, and egg nog.

Promptly at noon, the eager party people were seated at attractively-decorated circular tables under sparkling crystal lights. Scherpa led the Salute to the Flag, and called upon Chaplain **Fern Stowe** to give the invocation and prayer.

What a wonderful sight it was to see so many jolly and happy men and women dressed in their party best, gathered together in anticipation of a Christmas feast

that only Chez Josef can provide. Superb and courteous service soon had everyone enjoying their delicious dinner to music and songs from guest performer, **Jeanette Denoncourt**. After the meal, Christmas carols were sung by all present, conducted by talented club members **Bernice Burton** and **Barbara Swanson** at the piano.

Scherpa introduced **Richard Mundo**, director of the Agawam Senior Center, who expressed his pleasure to be invited to the party and who extended best holiday wishes to all members and guests of the Golden Age Club. He promised to continue working hard to provide a better quality of life for all senior citizens in Agawam.

Festivities ended with a gift box of Hebert Candies given to each person present. Scherpa smiled again when told by **Frank & Doris Paradiso** they agreed with Grimes that this was the best Christmas party ever.

## Easy Recipe Sure To Please During Holiday Season

Holiday's mean friends, family, and food; and for most cooks, a lot of preparation. But why let holiday entertaining tie you to the kitchen? With Royal Desserts, you can prepare elegant, tasty treats and still have the time to enjoy them with your guests.

Easy-to-prepare desserts like Gelatin Chocolate Cups, made with Royal Lime Gelatin, and Pumpkin Log Cake, made with Royal Instant Pudding and Pie Filling, provide the ideal finishing touch to your holiday fare without ending your holiday fun. Both recipes are quick and simple to prepare.

### GELATIN CHOCOLATE CUPS (Makes 8 servings)

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup semisweet miniature chocolate chips  
1 tablespoon vegetable shortening  
1 (3-ounce) package Royal Lime Gelatin

1 cup boiling water  
1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
2 cups prepared whipped topping  
Assorted fruit or cranberries, for garnish

In top of double boiler, over hot but not boiling water, heat chocolate chips and shortening until melted and smooth.

Line 8 (2½-inch) muffin-pan cups with foil cups. Brush inside of each foil cup with generous amount of chocolate mixture; chill until firm.

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. In bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth; gradually beat in dissolved gelatin until smooth. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in one cup whipped topping. Spoon into chocolate shells. Chill three hours or until firm. Remove foil cups. Garnish with remaining whipped topping and assorted fruit or cranberries.

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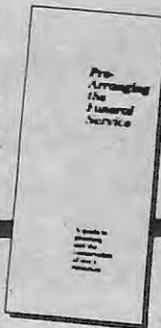
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## Lions Club To Support Life Blood Drive

The Agawam Lions Club asks townsfolk to be their guest for a fine pancake breakfast, Sunday, December 20th, at the Annual Gift of Life Blood Drive at the Springfield Donor Center, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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## Fire-Wise

by Rusty Jenks - Agawam Fire Chief  
Hazards Of Winter Heating

Winter days and nights can be cold. The sky is dark and dreary, and the wind howls. It's hard to keep your home warm and cozy. So many Americans have turned to portable heaters of various kinds to supplement their home heating systems.

Sometimes they have portable heaters because their home heating system is not very efficient. Sometimes it's to save money on regular heating fuel. Sometimes, at ski cabins or other get-away spots, there is no permanent heating system. In any case, many homes use portable space heaters in winter.

But the Agawam Fire Department wants you to know that portable heaters have caused many tragic fires—even deaths—in recent years as more and more Americans have begun to use them. So if you're going to use supplemental heating, use it wisely.

### Kerosene Nightmares

The largest number of heating-related fires have been caused by kerosene heaters. In most cases the fault was with misuse or abuse of the heater rather than with the device itself. So heed this advice:

Purchase only a "new design" heater carrying the UL label. This label means it has been tested for safety. Be sure it has an automatic safety switch to shut it off if it's tipped over.

In addition, see that it's not top-heavy to tip too easily. An automatic starter eliminates the need for matches and makes for safer starts. A fuel gauge will help ensure you do not overfill the heater dangerously. A safety grill on the front can prevent accidental contact burns.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for assembly. Use only crystal-clear 1K kerosene, never a yellow or contaminated kerosene or any other fuel. Fill it only outside. Store kerosene in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid that is clearly marked for kerosene only.

When using a kerosene heater, be sure the room is well ventilated. Opening a door to an adjoining room or area may be enough. Better yet, open a window in the room slightly.

Improper use of kerosene heaters has caused so many tragedies in recent years that some states—most recently Massachusetts—are banning their use outright. Don't be one of the careless ones.

### Electric Heaters

Like kerosene heaters, electric heaters also should have automatic safety switches to turn them off if tipped over. They also should carry the UL approval label.

Be sure to check cords before plugging in the heater. If frayed, worn or broken, do not use. Either replace the heater or have an electrical replace the cord. Just putting tape on the cord is not enough to prevent overheating and fire. Never use an extension cord with a portable heater.

If you absolutely cannot avoid it, use only special, heavy-duty cords that can handle the job. Ask your electrician or at your hardware store. Trying to supply a heater with a small, ordinary household extension cord will cause the cord to overheat and burn.

Keep electric heaters away from sinks, tubs, showers, and other watery places to avoid deadly electric shocks. If you need one in the bathroom, keep it well away from water, towels, shower curtains, and other hazards.

Keep no more than five gallons available at one time. And keep it outside your home in a garage or storage shed.

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## Agawam Senior Center Calendar

December 14th to 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: (Four days), mini bazaar and tag sale.

**December 22nd, Tuesday:** Special Christmas lunch with Fats Daniels on the band stand, and a special performance by our Silver Star Players, under the direction of Lillian Doyle. Drawing for the three raffles.

**December 24th, Thursday, 10:30 a.m.:** Brunch will be served. The Center will close at 12:00 noon.

**December 25th, Friday:** Christmas Day, the Center will be closed.

**December 26th, Saturday:** There will be no bingo.

**December Birthdays:** A Happy Birthday to the following guests who were honored on "Birthday Recognition Day" at the Center: **Betty Burke, Harold Channell, Leslie Hill, Charles Royce, and Rosemary Lander.**

An apology is in order to **Bob Bernier**, whose name was accidentally omitted from the published list of newly elected Board of Directors of "Friends of the Agawam Senior

Center."

### Trips:

**January 14th, Thursday:** Coachlight Dinner Theatre, matinee. "Guys And Dolls" is the show. Price, \$23.75 per person which includes all. The deadline for reservations is December 21st. Reservations may be made at the Senior Center ticket booth.

The Senior Center will be closed during snow emergencies. When schools are closed, there will be no lunch program or van transportation. All activities at the center will be postponed. Closings will be announced on the following radio stations: WHYN-FM, WMAS-FM, and WSPR-AM.

**Tax Assistance.** A free income tax service for older tax payers will once again be available at the Senior Center, from February to April, 1988. This service is sponsored by A.A.R.P. in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. This tax service is available to Agawam residents 60 and over by appointment only. Schedule to be announced.

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## Agawam High Class Of 1967 Gathers For 20th...



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1967** gathered for their 20-year reunion, Friday, November 27th, at the new Sheraton Tara, Springfield. (Related photos on next page). About 200 attended the gala event. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# ...Reunion At Sheraton Tara November 27th



AGAWAM HIGH CLASS OF 1967 members who traveled the farthest to attend the November 27th, 20-year class reunion are, from left - Ralph Johnson, Carol Nieioda, Holly Gibson, and Don Tidwell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ORGANIZED the 20-year reunion for the Agawam High Class of 1967 are: Gerry (Blanchard) Brasin, Susan (Durant) Adamczyk, Doll (Hutchins) Lukas, Elizabeth (Marrewa) Greenway, William Menard, Howard "Scarf" Safford, Paul Seymour, Brad Thorpe, and Elizabeth (Wright) Gooch. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Great Dessert Ideas For The Holidays

### GORP BARS

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2½ cups thin pretzel sticks, broken in half  
1½ cups "M&M's" Plain or Peanut Chocolate Candies  
1 cup banana chips  
¾ cup golden raisins  
½ cup butter or margarine  
½ cup creamy peanut butter  
1 bag (10 ounces) marshmallows

In large bowl, combine cereal, pretzels, candies, banana chips, and raisins. In medium saucepan, melt together butter, peanut butter and marshmallows. Stir over low heat until mixture is smooth. Immediately pour mixture over cereal, mixing until cereal and other ingredients are thoroughly coated. Press lightly into greased 13x9-inch pan. Let stand until firm. Cut into bars to serve. **Makes one 13x9-inch pan of bar cookies.**

### ROCKY ROAD BROWNIES

¾ cup sugar  
¾ cup butter or margarine, softened  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1½ cups all-purpose flour  
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa  
¾ teaspoon baking soda  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1 cup "M&M's" Plain Chocolate Candies  
¾ cup chopped walnuts  
½ cup raisins  
¾ cup miniature marshmallows

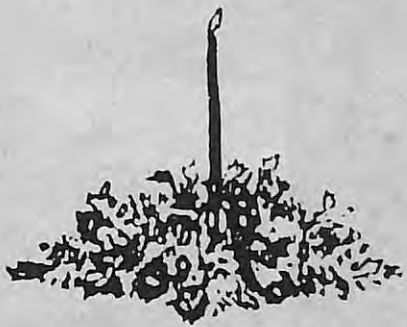
Beat together sugar and butter until light and fluffy; blend in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour mixed with cocoa, baking soda, and salt; mix well. Stir in ½ cup candies, ½ cup walnuts, and the raisins. Spread into greased 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with marshmallows, nuts, and the remaining candies, pressing candies in slightly. Bake an additional 10 minutes or until marshmallows are melted. Remove pan to wire rack to cool. **Makes one 13x9-inch pan brownies.**

### SPICY BANANA BARS

¾ cup butter or margarine, softened  
1¼ cups firmly packed brown sugar  
1 egg  
1 large ripe banana, mashed  
½ teaspoon lemon juice  
1½ cups flour  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
¼ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg  
Dash ground cloves  
2 cups quick oats, uncooked  
1 cup "M&M's" Chocolate Candies

Beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy; blend in egg, banana, and lemon juice. Add combined flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves; mix until thoroughly combined. Stir in oats and ½ cup candies. Spread into greased 15x10-inch pan. Sprinkle top with remaining candies. Bake at 350°F for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack; cut into bars to serve. **Makes one 15x10-inch pan of bar cookies.**

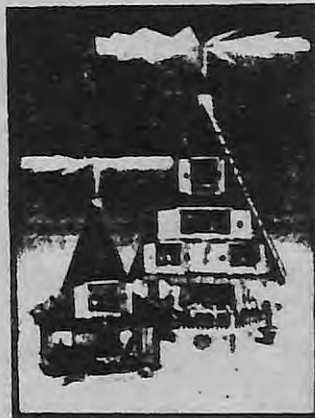
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# Agawam Prepares For



AT THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE last weekend, the Agawam Garden Club held a Christmas Open House. In ABOVE PHOTO, Garden Club member Barbara Farrington displays an old-fashioned tree on the side porch; in PHOTO BELOW, Dot Brown decorates the tree in The Pine Room; and in PHOTO RIGHT, Leonard House Trustees Esther Reynolds and Dale Melanson are pictured in front of a fireplace with old-fashioned toys. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AT DECARO BROTHERS NURSEY on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Robert and Dale Melanson are on hand every day to assist in your selection of a fresh-cut tree; and right, as Kathy Klimoski is about to see her tree. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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OVER AT CINCOTTA FARMS on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from left Robert and Dale Melanson are on hand every day to assist in your selection of a fresh-cut tree; and right, as Kathy Klimoski is about to see her tree. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



# The Holiday Season



Michelle Leclair look and manager Bill Ray-

HE ST. JOHN'S Church last Saturday, Courtney Brett Adamczyk visit with Claus; Shannon Malanson and Ryan Malanson look over their large stuffed toy frog; third photo (right-hand) Peggy Shoemaker (left), chairwoman, and Bernice exhibit poinsettia's. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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John Lynch and Betty  
Bowman looks on



OVER AT HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME, resident Bertha Moore receives a Christmas present from young Michael Moore; and in PHOTO RIGHT, youngsters Holly Moren, Tracy Ciak, and Jessica Moore attended the West Building's Holiday Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE DEPALOS HOME on Meadow Street is always a holiday favorite to passers-by every Christmas Season for their large Nativity scene and other Christmas decorations. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





# For Your Health

## YOUR BACK & YOUR HEALTH

by Dr. Joseph & Dr. Katherine  
Schlaffer - Chiropractors



## Great Victory For Chiropractic

**QUESTION:** I had seen several specialists and taken many different types of medications for headaches that had bothered me for years. Finally, I decided to see a chiropractor. He corrected the cause and my headaches went away. My medical doctor would not refer me to a chiropractor. Why was I not referred for chiropractic treatment?

**ANSWER:** Unfortunately, this has happened to countless patients over many years. While chiropractors routinely refer patients for conditions requiring medical treatment, it is at best, a one-way street.

Doctors of chiropractic are primary health care providers and function as a unique and autonomous profession. We are not controlled by organized medicine. The majority of medical doctors refuse to refer patients that need chiropractic treatment. The result is that a patient may not get the appropriate treatment they need.

Although not all medical doctors have participated in a boycott of chiropractic, it seems that a majority

have for many years. Several chiropractors on behalf of their patients and their profession took legal action in an attempt to remedy this situation.

After an 11-year legal process instituted by chiropractors, a U.S. District Court judge found the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, and the American College of Radiology, guilty of having conspired to eliminate the chiropractic profession. **Shocking but true.**

Federal Judge Susan Getzendanner ruled that the American Medical Association and its co-conspirators had violated the Sherman Antitrust Act. They had done this by organizing a national boycott against doctors of chiropractic by medical physicians and hospitals, using an ethics ban on inter-professional cooperation.

The judge also ruled that the actions of the AMA and its co-conspirators over the last 25 years had resulted in serious damage to the competitive process in health care, and the profession of chiropractic as a whole, as well to individual doctors of chiropractic and the patients they serve.

Fortunately, the suit was decided favorably for the chiropractic profession and their patients. An injunction was necessary which permanently enjoined the AMA from "restricting, regulating, or impeding" its 275,000 members or the hospitals where they work from professionally associating with doctors of chiropractic.

The health care industry must always serve the needs of the sick. Perhaps the decision of a federal court judge will help this to become a reality, and make the medical-chiropractic referral concept a two-way street.

## MANAGING YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel  
M.S., S.M.C.



## Holiday Stress Check!

**DEAR DR. SOBEL:** As I have a good memory, I remember a piece you wrote about a year ago that gave suggestions for how to deal with and prepare for holiday stress. I'm wondering if you could find it and let all your *AAV* readers profit by your obvious wisdom! I really find the diversity of your columns most interesting. The concerns/ideas you have had lately on school children meeting with success was great! Thanks and have a happy and healthy holiday!

B.B., Agawam, MA.

**ANSWER:** You are correct! I have found these pearls of holiday wisdom I wrote a while ago. They don't change much year to year. If these don't help, give me a call or write with your specific concern/situation.

### Dr. Sobel's "Patented Pearls" Of Holiday Wisdom

1. Don't plan Christmas three days before Christmas. Plan ahead, space your commitments and enjoy each one instead of breathlessly rushing from one to the next.

2. If you have suffered a major loss, either in the family or among friends, try to plan something special this Christmas for yourself. It might be a gift of something long wanted, a trip, something hopeful or forward-looking.

3. Simplify gift giving in every way possible. Organize shopping carefully. Use ads instead of footsteps. Buy taste-treats instead of spending hours baking, for example. And don't feel guilty about it!

Please say "no" to a few invitations if they would produce more hassle than fun.

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## Arthritis Foundation Offers List Of Holiday Tips

Although for most of us the holiday season is a time of joy, for those with a physical disability, the holidays can be hectic, tiring and difficult, reports John A. Bolzan, M.D., the medical director for the Massachusetts Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

There are many ways, however, to adapt the rigors of the season to your own limitations and capabilities. Consider the following energy and time-saving tips:

**MAIL CATALOG SHOPPING** offers a wide variety of interesting and exciting gift items.

**PHONE ORDERS**—Check out the newspaper ads at local department stores and order your gifts by phone. In many cases, they can be shipped directly to the recipient, saving your back from lifting, carrying and wrapping.

**MEALS**—When planning special holiday menus, consider buying the entire dinner from a food-specialty shop. They often have wonderful homemade goodies to accompany the meal or to give as gifts. Paper goods are life-savers, and today they come in attractive and festive designs.

**WRAPPING** can be a difficult chore. If you have arthritis in your hands, try using colorful boxes, canisters, or bags that don't need additional wrapping.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** can be hired to help with the myriad of chores that make the holidays special but cause the person with physical limitations to spend the time in a state of exhaustion and frustration.

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## For Your Health - continued...

### How's The Family???

#### I Want To Grow Old With You

by Dr. Warren F. Schumacher

associate professor  
University of Massachusetts

How difficult is it for people in our culture to look to the future? We are so focused on the pressing issues of today, we have become used to instant pudding, fast food, and the now generation! How often do people dream of growing old with a loved one?

We are besieged with the images of violence and war. We are warned about the cancer causing substances in our food and atmosphere. Death seems to haunt those dreams. We are constantly reminded of the divorce rate. We know friends and relatives whose marriages have broken up. With the instability of family life, is it practical to plan to spend your old age with your spouse?

Fool around with that idea for a minute. Do we think about our "golden years?" And how much glitter will these years have for us? Will they be years to recall the past with pride, or will they be years of bitterness and anxiety?

When the children are off on their own and the pressing responsibilities of raising a family are past, do we anticipate those hours of peaceful freedom to talk and laugh—to do the things that we never found time to do when we were younger? Are the images positive or negative; is the dream a nightmare or is it pleasant and peaceful?

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To a certain degree, we can make the dream come out whatever way we want. But first, you have to nurture the dream. You have to be willing to think about old age and prepare for it. Some of the physical changes that come with the aging process, we have to gracefully accept: greying of the hair (or losing it), wrinkles in the skin texture, changing complexion and muscle tone, shorter steps, and quicker breath. For self or your lover, beauty is still in the eyes of the beholder; body image is far more important than body form!

Two elderly people in a warm embrace...a gentle touching of the face...an obvious care and concern to assist the other... Contrast those images with a bitter, sullen old man or woman sitting alone in some dismal, gloomy room...or angry cursing generated by years of frustration and failure. How will we paint our future?

Don't cop out and claim that you can't point. Yes, it's true that certain issues are beyond your control—like health and wealth. But even those we need to look at and plan to be more responsible for our own physical well-being and financial planning. Whether your children will be close to you, or whether you will

have the joy of loving grandchildren, are factors that you can't control.

But you can control your own response to each of these issues. You can allow them to make you bitter and frustrated, or you can let them go as being beyond your control and try to accept them with patience. It does depend on your perception. You can paint your future with positive and vibrant strokes.

**Take a realistic look at your life span.** Draw a line on a piece of paper. At one end write the word "birth," at the other, "death." Now, try to imagine where you are on your own life line. What is your perception? Estimate our guesstimate.

Are you beyond the half-way point? Do you figure that you have spent more years than you have left? Try to reach beyond denial and strive for acceptance. That is not a morbid idea. It's a realistic attempt to accept reality. It can lead to insight. As you look at the flow of your years, what are the different landscapes that you can look forward to? Some will be barren, but others will be vibrant. Do you place your spouse in those images that are alive and filled with pleasant emotions.

Irrespective of your age, try to think positively about the future years with your lover. You just can't do that if you feel rotten about yourself. Breathe in the relaxation of acceptance of past failures and limitations; loosen-up the white knuckles of guilt and let go of the fears and tension. If you feel empty inside yourself, you can't forgive others; forgiveness can only come from a heart that appreciates its own worth.

**After you have given yourself a break, now give your lover a break!** Let go of the past misunderstandings. Concentrate on the joys not the sorrows; nurture the ups not the downs of your relationship. Try to appreciate all those things that we tend to take for granted—the home that you share, the supper that you are eating, the friendship that has lasted over time...

As the years go by and our point on the line of life moves closer toward death, there is a certain satisfaction in knowing that the consequences of life, for good or ill, will be tempered by the restraining force of the limitation of time. Although time limits the impact, we still possess the power to design that time, so that it provides us with as much love and joy, peace and vitality as possible. One of the greatest sources of that fulfillment comes from growing old with our beloved.

### ARTHRITIS - Page 20...

The holiday season. Plan for it properly and you'll enjoy it more than ever. For information about making life easier for people with arthritis, call the Arthritis Foundation, 1-617-926-2900, or 1-800-882-1464.

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4. Be realistic about money. If possible, plan a lid on spending before you make major purchases. Don't spend your Christmas bonus until it is actually in your hand. There is, Sobel warns, many a slip between anticipation and reality.

5. Right after the holidays, get each member of the family to list briefly what they learned from the holidays and what mistakes they made; also, what things made life easier or what made the atmosphere more tense.

6. You don't have to use the holidays as the time for a year-end review, even though it may have become a habit in the past. If your review conclusions are negative, it will simply add to your depression and anxiety.

Instead, use this time to remind yourself to return to your regular schedule. Routines are calming and frequently healthful.

7. Because of all the physical running around and stress, it is doubly important at this time of year to maintain a good diet. An extra vitamin or two might be a good idea. Continue to set aside the time needed for rest and exercise.

8. It might be very important to consider giving the gift of companionship or friendship to those apt to feel lonely or left out at this time of year, especially those in nursing homes.

9. Don't make a martyr of yourself unnecessarily. Asking for assistance can be a help not only to you, but sometimes to the person you ask as well.

10. Employers might be able to come to the rescue of special demands or schedules during the holidays. Things might be re-scheduled, but the employer must get a clue, preferably well ahead of time, as to whether such changes would be helpful.

And have a happy holiday!

**STRESS CHECK—For Parents:** The popular "signs of overplacement" list is still available (free). Write to Dr. Sobel, NEISM, 132 Shaker Road-No. 48, East Longmeadow, MA, 01028. It helps parents assess how well their child has adjusted to school demands. Parents have found it to be an invaluable guide.

### La Leche League Offers Breastfeeding Advice

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators, and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding. Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least nineteen weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to

become informed is before the birth of your baby. The third of a series of four meetings will be held December 21st, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield. "Meeting The Challenges Of Breastfeeding" will be topic discussed.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual, "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding."

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## S.T.A.R.T. Exercising!!!

by Patrick Cawley

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### DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:

I'm thinking of giving a pair of those inversion boots to my brother for a Christmas present. Is there any cause for concern for his health and should I get him a pair as part of his exercise program.

### Anti-gravity X-mas Boots

### DEAR BOOTS:

Current trends in health care and exercise programs typically include the use of inversion traction devices. Manufacturers usually claim that these devices relieve a variety of health problems, the most common claims include a reduced need for back surgery, reduced spinal compression, and improved circulation, posture, and performance.

Some even advocate performing various abdominal and back strengthening exercises while upside down to help back pain.

The effects of inversion (being upside down) on astronauts for prolonged periods of 24 hours has shown some cause for concern. They experienced impaired equilibrium, lowered pressure in the pulmonary artery, and left atrium of the heart. More importantly there was increased pressure in the eyes and veins of the body, especially in internal jugular veins that drain the brain. So if he has any problems in these areas, don't get the anti-gravity boots.

Studies have shown that short-term inversion of 15 minutes can increase spinal length, and reduce muscle tone of the superficial lower back and forearm muscles. Maintaining inversion for this short time period has shown a slight lowering of systemic blood pressure and pulse rate, while only slightly elevating pressure within the eyes.

However, keep in mind that there was no change in posture, standing tolerance of cardiovascular response after being in the inverted position for short periods.

My suggestion to you would be to go ahead and get his anti-gravity boots for Christmas. There must be a clear understanding that he should limit his inversion time to 15 minutes at the most. A shorter time would be preferred, especially when just starting out. As for performing exercises while in the inverted position—**FORGET IT!** The danger of increasing pressure in the eyes and internal venous system is extremely great.

In order to refrain from doing some irreparable physical harm, I would strongly recommend avoiding exercise while upside down. Otherwise enjoy just hanging around, upside down.

### LA LECHE LEAGUE - From Page 22...

The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding. For further information, call Pat, 737-9993, or Jeanne, 739-7923.

## Swedish Christmas At Turnverein December 13th

Christmas in Sweden does not start with the ho, ho of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. Rather, the season begins December 13th, the longest night of the year, with the celebration of St. Lucia and the festival of light.

Before daybreak, it is the custom of the eldest daughter to don a white gown and red sash, with a crown of green lingonberry sprigs and the glow of candles circling her hair. She awakens each member of the family with the serving of coffee, fresh saffron or cardamom buns and ginger cookies from the tray she carries.

It has, in later years, become the custom to select a young girl and her court to keep alive the St. Lucia legend in schools, hospitals, and orphanages.

The question always arises as to why a Christian martyr from Italy has become so revered as far north as Sweden. It is believed that the advent of the first Christian missionaries to Sweden told of Lucia's having lived in Sicily in the year 300 A.D., and the miraculous healing of her mother's severe illness after Lucia's Christian charity to others.

The nobelman to whom she was betrothed was angered when she gave everything to the poor, including her wedding gifts. Although jailed, tortured, and condemned to death by burning, she maintained her faith in Christ, escaping unscathed. Years later, she was declared a saint.

Brage-Iduna Lodge 9, Vasa Order of America, will incorporate its St. Lucia pageant with a buffet dinner, musical program, songs by the Three Crowns Children's Club, games and dances around the tree, and, in the American theme, a visit from Santa. Folk and modern dancing to the music of Kurt Bischoff will culminate the evening's entertainment.

## Red Cross Has Openings For CPR Courses

Openings still exist for training programs for the month of December at the Pioneer Valley Chapter American Red Cross. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay either by mail or by stopping in at the Health Services Department of the Red Cross, 235 Chestnut Street, during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All courses will be held at the Red Cross building at 235 Chestnut Street.

**CPR/BLS Professional Rescuers**, \$25, December 15th and 17th (Tuesday and Thursday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

This course is appropriate for lifeguards, ski patrol, police, firefighters, medical personnel, and those planning to become CPR Instructors. Content includes emergency action principles, recognition and prevention of heart attack, rescue breathing, first aid for choking, and CPR skills for single and team rescues. Pro-

cedures for adult, child, and infant victim will be practiced.

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Review/Basic Life Support-Professional Rescuers**, \$14, December 16th (Wednesday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Prerequisite: Bring a current CPR certificate to the class. Review textbooks prior to class for written and skills tests.

**Introduction to Health Services Education (I.H.S.E.)**, \$10, December 18th (Friday), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; December 28th (Monday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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## Spotlight On Business...

### John Sliech Anxious About Relocating Into Spacious New Shop

by Joan Lussier  
Advertiser News Staff

700 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, will be the new home of Sliech Auto Body, which is slated to open late March.

The new building, which is directly across from the new Agawam Police Station, will be contemporary in style—one floor with split block-face, and gold glass windows. This will not be a "junk" garage, but a business with 7,500 square feet, where all body work will be done within the building, out of public view, according to owner John Sliech.

Once open, Sliech Auto Body will handle complete collision work, repainting, refinishing, glass replacement and repairs, and upholstering repairs. Owner John Sliech said, "We get a lot of people who have never had an accident and really don't know what to do. We give them advice on how to handle their insurance agencies and make claims."

Sliech Auto Body also has rental cars available for the standard insurance rates. This rental service is for patrons having work done on their cars, as well as for anyone needing a rental car. The fee is \$15 per day.

There is also a 24-hour towing service, and it might be wise to note that the towing service is state-wide, which means they will tow your car if it gets into an accident or breaks down anywhere in Massachusetts.

The Agawam Police Department uses Sliech Auto Body to tow cars for them. Sliech said, "We have hauled cars that have been in accidents, burned, damaged, and ones people have been murdered in. We even hauled a boat once."

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Once in the "impound" area, cars that can be repaired are totalled cars which are removed by a salvage company, and those that have been abandoned are held for 30 days and then disposed of.

The new "impound lot" will also be out of public view.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, Sliech has 25 years experience in the auto body business. While a teen, he worked for Suburban Garage, and from there to Central Chevrolet. He then became a member of the Agawam Police Department and while there, he was appointed to director of Public Safety.

When he left the Police Department, he worked at Sarat Ford, and was the body shop manager for eight years. He had the desire and the drive to be self-employed, and so he opened Sliech Auto Body, which originally was only one building on O'Brien's Corner.

He then took over the building that once housed Taylor Rental. He has been at the same location for six years and is very excited about his new building.

"My crew of nine people will have to be increased, because the business is doubling in size. I am looking for trained and experienced people," explained Sliech.

Although neighbors in the area of the new body shop are very much against it, Sliech told us, "What they don't realize is that it won't be a junk garage. All work will take place within the building, out of public view. The town has been very cooperative, and all the zoning is correct. It will be a beautiful building. I look forward to showing off the new building, and I want to thank everyone for their patronage."

Also, the new building will have 5,000 square feet available as rental space, zoned Business B, that would be suitable for a small factory or light manufacturing company. If interested, please call Sliech at 789-2366.



MR. & MRS. JONN SLIECH (center) are about to break ground for the new home of Sliech Auto Body, 700 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills (across from the new Agawam Police Station). Looking on are various town officials, bank representatives, and friends of the family. (MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 26).

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OFFICIALS FROM SIMMONS U.S.A. were on hand last Friday to break ground for the company's new, 125,000 square-foot facility at the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 28. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

## Good Job, John Sliech...



LOOKING ON AS JOHN & LINDA SLIECH begin the ground-breaking for the new Sliech Auto Body are, from left - Gary Briggs, Park Westbank & Trust, State Senator Linda J. Melconian, and Town Council President Donald M. Rheault. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Simmons U.S.A. Latest Victory For Agawam's Regional I-Park

Robert Magnusson, president of Simmons U.S.A., has announced his company's plan to build a new manufacturing facility in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park at ground-breaking ceremonies, Friday, December 4th.

Magnusson noted that the new plant will be the Northeast Operations Center for the Simmons Mattress Company. Simmons, a world leader in quality bed mattresses, will occupy a 125,000 square foot facility on a 15-acre site on Bowles Road, in the Agawam Park.

Magnusson commented, "The Agawam Regional Industrial Park is perfect for our needs. It gives us excellent access to the retailers who sell our mattresses, and is very convenient for employees. This site will give us room to expand in the future. We have been very impressed by the help that the town, the Chamber of Commerce, and Westmass have given us during the site selection process."

John J. Benoit, president of Westmass Area Development Corporation, developer of the Agawam Park, welcomed Magnusson at groundbreaking ceremonies held at the site. Benoit noted that the selection of Agawam by a prominent national firm has many benefits for this area. There will be many new jobs created, a major taxable asset for Agawam, and spin-off gains by the many small firms that provide services to industry.

In addition to Benoit and Magnusson, other speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony included Leonard A. Wilson, chairman of Westmass; Reid S. Charles, town manager of Agawam; Kenneth C. Tichacek, senior vice president of Westmass, and Donald M. Rheault, Town Council president.

The Agawam Regional Industrial Park, formerly the Bowles Airport, is a 323-acre tract in Agawam bounded by Silver Street and Shoemaker Lane. Westmass purchased the site in 1982 from the *Springfield Newspapers*.

Since that time, 10 companies have constructed facilities in the park, including: **United Fabricants, Ebtac Corporation, Martin Industries, Northrup Electric, Commercial Scale, Silver Street Associates, Olympic Manufacturing Group, Standard Uniform Services, Balzers Tool Coating, and PreMAT/DFM/DFA.**

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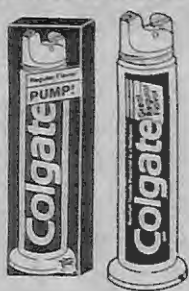
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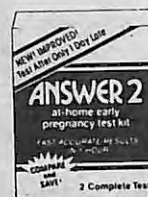


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## Spotlight On Business. - continued...

## Simmons U.S.A. Huge Bonus For Agawam I-Park



A SIMMONS U.S.A. official explains his company's plans for the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OFFICIALS FROM SIMMONS U.S.A. break ground for their new 125,000 square-foot facility in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. The morning ceremony took place Friday, December 4th. Members of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, as well as local and state officials were on hand to greet Simmons U.S.A. The developers of the I-Park are WestMass Development Corporation, headquartered in downtown Springfield. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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# Extremities Handled With Flare By ANTA

by Phil Benoit  
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Without a doubt, one of the most controversial and talked about plays in recent years has to be William Mastrosimone's *Extremities*. An award-winning, Off-Broadway hit, this drama about rape and vigilante justice was made into a 1986 motion picture which earned its star, Farah Fawcett, a great deal of critical acclaim.

For those of you who saw and liked the film version, here's a chance for you to see this story in its original form, thanks to ANTA (American National Theatre and Academy).

The two-act drama, which ran last Friday and Saturday, has two more performances scheduled for this Friday and Saturday (December 11th and 12th). All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Fuller Arts Center on the campus of Springfield College, Springfield.

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At the beginning of *Extremities*, a young woman named Marjorie (Jean Murphy) is alone in her New Jersey farmhouse. It is mid morning, and her two roommates won't be back until late in the afternoon.

Then, the day-long nightmare begins.

A young man named Raul (Robert Tongue) arrives at the farmhouse and asks Marjorie if "Joe" is around. She tells him that no one named Joe lives here, but Raul insists that Joe lives here and says that he wants to see him because Joe owes him a lot of money.

Marjorie is suspicious of this stranger's story from the start, and she should be. You see, Raul has had his eye on her since the just-passed summer when she went bike-riding and wore skin-revealing, hot-weather clothing.

Since that time, he has been monitoring Marjorie's home and her daily behavior, as well as that of her two roommates. And now, having found a way to gain entrance to the farmhouse, Raul intends to rape her.

However, after realizing his heinous intentions, Marjorie stops him in his tracks by spraying an insect disinfectant in his eyes and proceeding to tie him up and cage him like an animal in her fireplace.

Having narrowly escaped from the clutches of this evil man, she is now determined to kill him for attempting to rape her. But, before she carries out her own bloodthirsty intentions, Marjorie waits until her two roommates come home in order to tell and show them what has happened, and to have an audience to justify her actions.

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On stage and on film, *Extremities* is not a perfect drama. Both versions are sensationalistic and voyeuristic depictions of how a would-be victim turns the tables on her attacker, and they make preachy and superficial statements on how attempted rape cannot be proven in a court of law, and whether or not a person has the right to exact vengeance on someone who did or attempted to do them great harm.

Moreover, the movie *Extremities* succeeds in one area where the original version falters. On screen, a high level of suspense is created because it takes some time for Marjorie to overcome her opponent; in the play, this kind of tension is almost nonexistent since she bests Raul within several minutes.

Nonetheless, the onstage incarnation of *Extremities* is still worth seeing, whether you've already seen the film version or not. Live theatre, and especially community theatre, rarely deals with controversial subjects in a frank manner, and this play's strong profanity and hard-hitting approach to the topic of rape makes for an adult drama which—in spite of its unprofound qualities—possesses raw emotional power that is unsettling yet undeniably captivating.

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Under the fine direction of Gini Andrewes, the acting in ANTA's production of *Extremities* is generally impressive. In the roles of Marjorie's two roommates,

Laura Lezon-Scantlen and Lesley Eckman deliver good portrayals that make the most of these supporting, one-dimensional characters.

As Patricia, Miss Lezon-Scantlen serves as the story's voice of reason and tries to calm Marjorie down and talk her out of killing her attacker. And, as Terry, Miss Eckman communicates a nervous persona which suggests that the attempted rape of Marjorie has triggered a deep-down anxiety which has been subdued until now.

The title of this drama implies the degrees of Marjorie's personality; in other words, how a normal young woman such as she can go from being a rational individual to an animalistic person who's bent on murderous revenge. However, in this production of *Extremities*, we don't get to see the extremes of Marjorie's temperament.

When it comes to conveying her character's near-hysterical and vengeful state of mind after she is almost raped, Miss Murphy is outstanding. But, at the beginning of the story before Raul intends to commit the abhorrent crime, this actress fails to project Marjorie's rationality and normal persona and exudes her raging anxiety and nervousness far too early.

In real life, it stands to reason that some people would automatically go into a frenzy if a stranger came into their home; yet, within the context of this story, Miss Murphy's excessively agitated depiction of Marjorie's initial reaction to Raul's entrance seems forced and overacted.

As Raul, Tongue is first-rate. He starts out by portraying the rapist as a macho lunatic who believes that Marjorie wants him to make love to her. Later on, when she has the upper hand on him, Tongue exudes shameless self-pity as though he is more of a victim than Marjorie was, and he renders his character as an even more malicious villain by trying to turn Marjorie's roommates against her by way of vicious lies.

**\*PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for ANTA's production of *Extremities* are \$5 each. They can be purchased at the door prior to each show, or reserved by calling 737-2204 between 10:00 a.m.



ROBERT TONGUE and JEAN MURPHY in ANTA's production of William Mastrosimone's *Extremities*.

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## "Season Of Light" At Science Museum

The Springfield Science Museum's Annual Holiday Planetarium Show, *Season of Light*, opened December 3rd. The program explores some possible scientific explanations for the Star of Bethlehem. Was it a nova? A comet? A conjunction of the planets? Or was it, in fact, a miracle?

The program also investigates the ancient traditions of celebration surrounding the winter solstice, many of which have given rise to modern Christmas customs.

In addition to the holiday program, the planetarium's 50th anniversary show, *A Celestial Celebration*, can be seen at 2:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday afternoons, throughout the month.

Planetarium tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Children under six are not admitted to the planetarium.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Tuesday to Sunday, from 12:00 noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For information, please call the museum, 733-1194.



## ENCORE PLAYERS - From Page 30...

Eleven of the play's roles are minor ones which are on the stage for a brief amount of time, but they are nevertheless well-delivered by the following performers: Lissy Shelasky and Chad Peterson as, respectively, Martha and Percy, the younger Keller children; Pamela Townsend as the bubbly Aunt Ev; assistant director and costumer Robert Laviolette as Mr. Anagnos, the head of the Perkins Institution for the Blind; Leigh Harbin in the part of Viney, the Kellers' maid; and, as the Perkins School children, Kristen Ferraro, Elizabeth Koy, Rebecca Scicolone, George Kleter, Carina Kleter, and Jane Kleter.

In the roles of Kate Keller and her husband, Captain Keller, Miss Grant and Andrus convey the emotionally-drained personas of dedicated parents who are disturbed by Helen's handicaps and ultimately realize that it was their overly loving attention to her which contributed to her early and unruly behavior.

A subplot in *The Miracle Worker* concerns itself with the relationship between the gruff Captain Keller and his oldest offspring, a young man named James (well-played by Kevin J. Nestor). As the story progresses, Nestor changes James from an oafish person who's afraid of his father into a self-confident individual who is able to stand up to the older man.

As Helen Keller, Miss Burk gives an eloquent performance. Communicating emotions and personality traits through physical behavior only, she initially depicts her character as a spoiled child who is prone to wild and spontaneous temper tantrums. But, as Helen gets to know and trust Annie Sullivan, Miss Burk's portrayal projects a sense of maturing intelligence and Helen's potential to become a human being who can overcome her handicaps and make something of her life.

In the role of Annie, Miss Treiber is equally moving and unforgettable. Boasting a credible Irish accent, she comes across as a stubborn young woman who has never tolerated failure, whether it be on her part or on the part of her pupils. However, her dogged persistence with Helen grows into an affection for her as she identifies with her and knows, deep down, that she is this little girl's last hope for a fulfilling life.

In addition, Miss Treiber, like Miss Burk, carries out the physically demanding aspects of her role during the scenes in which Annie Sullivan has to quell Helen Keller's tantrums with her seemingly endless emotional and physical strength.

**\*PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for the Encore Players' production of *The Miracle Worker* are \$4 (all seats) on Thursdays, and \$6 (general admission) and \$5 (seniors/students) on Fridays and Saturdays. They can be bought at the door prior to each performance, or reserved by calling 783-1616 or 737-0918.

## Exit Seven Players To Hold Auditions For Upcoming Plays

The Exit Seven Players will hold auditions for four one-act plays Wednesday and Thursday, December 16th and 17th. The auditions begin at 7:00 p.m. on both nights at the Chestnut Street Theater, Ludlow.

The following one-act plays have a number of parts for both men and women:

- "Pushcart Peddlars": two men, one woman;
- "Adaptation": three men, one woman;
- "Trifles": three men, two women; and
- "Hey Neighbor": three women, one man.

The four one-act plays will be performed on two consecutive weekends in February (12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th).

For more information, call 583-8575.

## Longmeadow Square Dancers To Hold Dance December 19th

The next regular dance of the Longmeadow Square Dance Club will be held Saturday, December 19th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Williams Middle School, Woolworth Street off Bliss Road, Longmeadow.

Red Bates will be calling, and Rita & George Taravella will cue the rounds.

All square dancers are most welcome.

For further information, call Russ & Eloise Hoekstro, 567-5295.

## Annual Service Of Lights At Bay Path Junior College Dec. 9

Bay Path Junior College will hold its Annual Service of Lights, Wednesday, December 9th, at 7:30 p.m., in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall, and the public is invited to attend. There is no charge for admission.

The traditional ecumenical service will feature seasonal readings by Bay Path students and messages from college chaplains, Reverend Ward Smith and Reverend Jeddie Brooks. There will also be a concert of holiday music by the College's Glee Club and Chamber Singers/Keynotes, under the direction of Charles E. Page.

The event is sponsored by the College's Interfaith Council.

## Check Our Classifieds

## "World Magical Mystery Tour" At Museum

The Springfield Art Museums will present a Sunday afternoon of magic and mystery with "World Magical Mystery Tour," December 13th, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

This bewitching "Something Every Sunday Program" will combine the art of magic and the magic of art with performances by magician Michael Wald, an Oriental rug-making demonstration, and a workshop on making your own Egyptian hieroglyphs.

A series of free programs running from November to March and open to people of all ages, "Something Every Sunday" is a vibrant mix of activities combining performances, museum tours, demonstrations, and hands-on art-making activities centered around a particular theme. This year, "Something Every Sunday" is sponsored by Coopers and Lybrand and the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

At 2:00 p.m., master magician Michael Wald of Northampton will appear in the Museum of Fine Arts auditorium for an hour of amazing optical trickery. According to Wald, his weird acts of wizardry will include "audience participation, lots of comedy and laughter and fun, fun, fun!"

With a little *hocus-pocus* and a bit of *abracadabra*, Wald will re-appear at 3:00 p.m., in the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum, where he will stroll through the galleries enchanting adults and children with his spellbinding sleights-of-hand, and tricks from China, the Middle East, America, and Egypt.

From 1:30 to 2:00 p.m., and from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m., participants will enjoy guided tours of the jade, pot-

tery, Oriental rugs, and American painting galleries at the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum. Adults and children alike will vote for their favorite works of art. Participants will leave their votes in the hands of their gallery guides, who will deposit each ballot into a magic bowl.

The balloting will end on a marvelous and mysterious note as Michael Wald picks, or rather, levitates the winning vote out of the magic bowl. The lucky winner will receive a mystery door prize.

From 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum, Basha Ahamad will use looms, yarns of many colors, and tools to demonstrate his craft of Oriental rug-making. A native of Kashmir, Ahamad now operates a shop in Northampton. He has traveled throughout the Far and Near East, been among thousands of rug-weavers and bought and sold rugs.

Also from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., Kay Nichols will reveal the secrets of the museum's mummy case as she leads a workshop on deciphering and making your own Egyptian hieroglyphs. Nichols, of Northampton, is assistant curator of education at the art museums.

"Something Every Sunday" continues December 20th, with "Renaissance Revelry," a celebration of the music and art of that creative period in history.

For more information, call 733-4214. A free brochure is available.

The Springfield art museums also receive support from the Institute of Museum Services, a federal agency.

## Encore Players Schedule Play Tryouts

The Encore Players will have tryouts for two plays, Monday, December 14th, and Wednesday, December 16th, at Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

From 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on both nights, tryouts will be for "The Supporting Cast" with parts for five women and one man. The comedy by George Furth will be directed by Dick Volker, and will be presented the first two weeks of June. From 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., tryouts will be held for Noel Coward's "Conversation Piece," a

play with music, which will be given late February, early March.

There are several parts for both men and women and will be directed by Flo Healy, with musical direction by Margaret Hill Sarno, and choreography by Lynn Jasmin.

The December 14th tryouts are for Encore Players only. Tryouts for the general public will be held December 16th. Callbacks will be held Thursday, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

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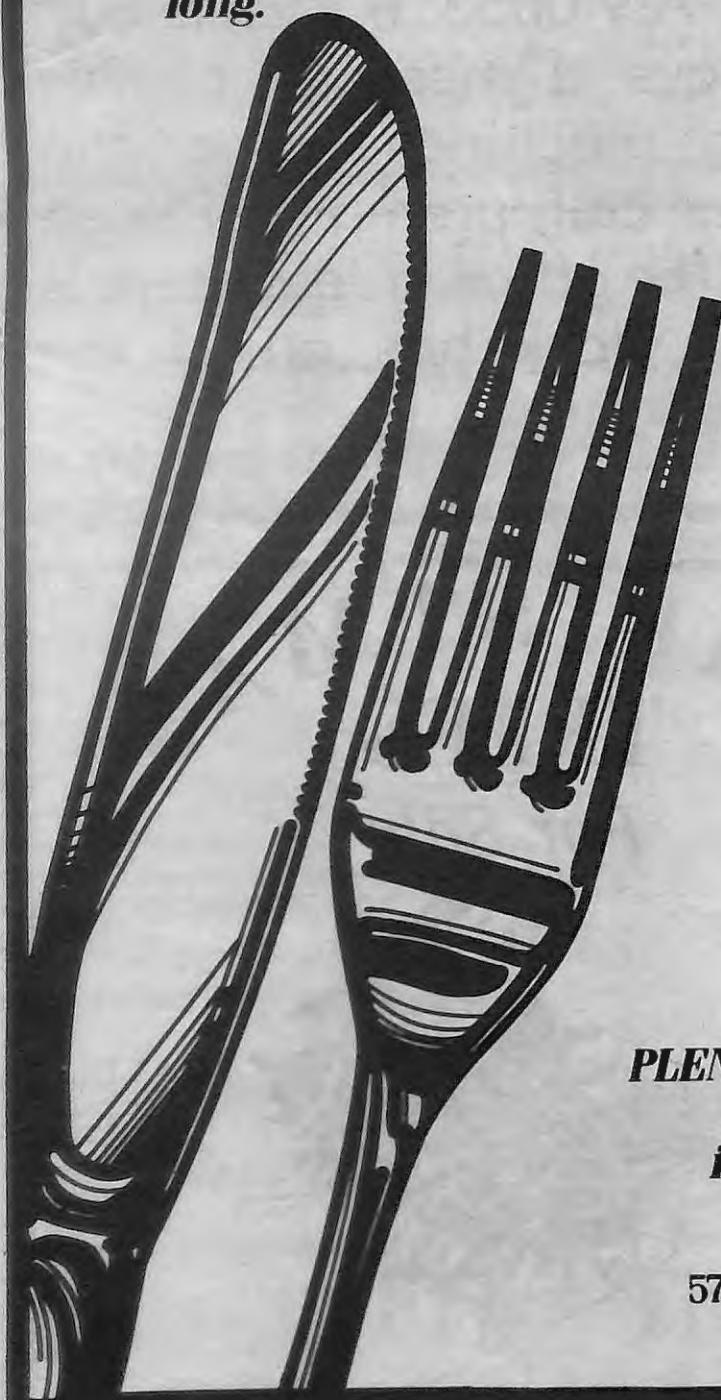
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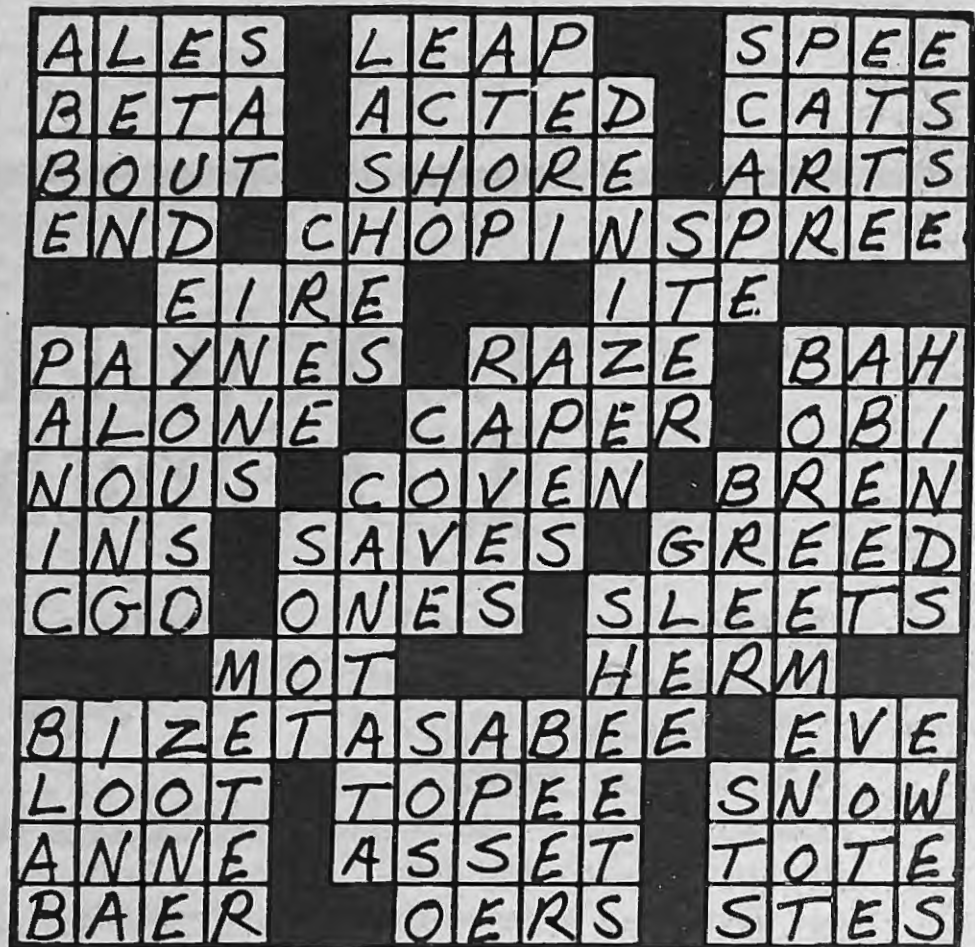
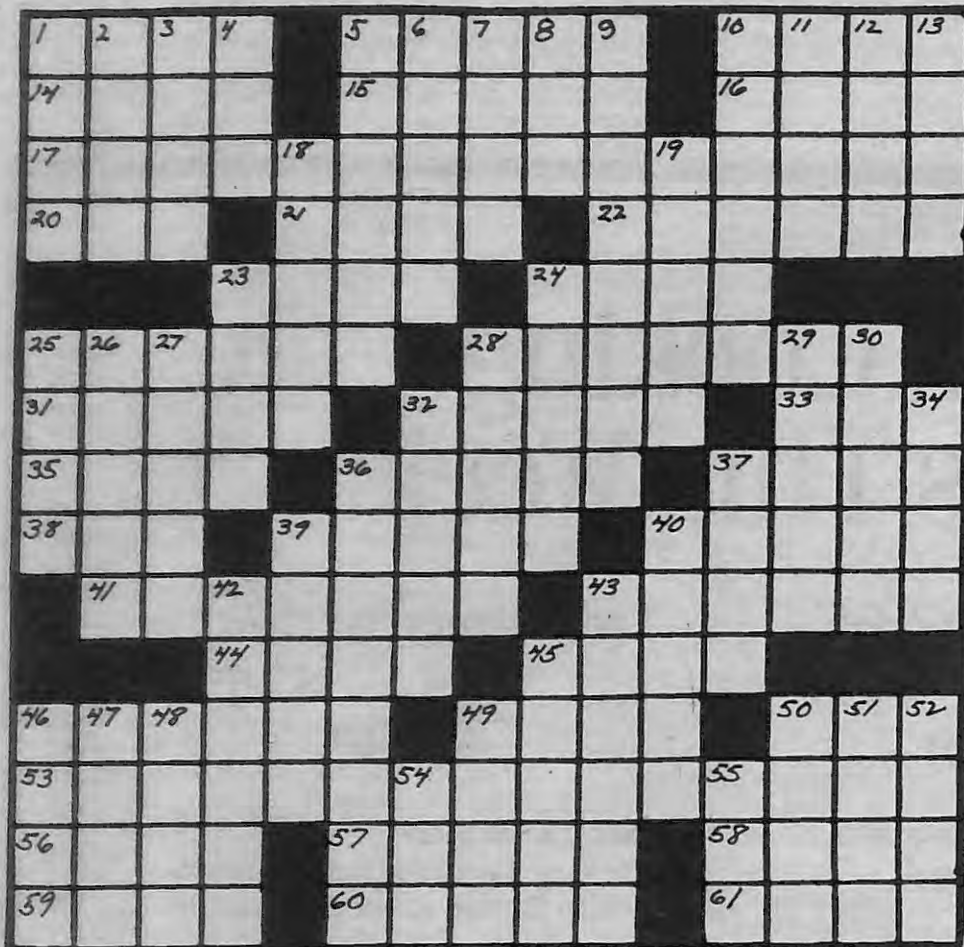
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- 10 English composer
- 14 Nora's dog
- 15 Pyle
- 16 Extinct birds
- 17 Where Reagan wanted Bork
- 20 Not him
- 21 Bard
- 22 Trios
- 23 Funny man
- 24 Where Casey held sway
- 25 Pour
- 28 Take a base?
- 31 Give
- 32 Not together
- 33 Denials
- 35 Hawaiian goose
- 36 Pushes
- 37 River Islands
- 38 Playwright's pleasure
- 39 Famous Pete of Texas
- 40 Cancel at NASA
- 41 Pool game
- 43 Play segments
- 44 Cross

### DOWN

- 1 Saturday night event
- 2 Court ace
- 3 Mon or es follower
- 4 Owns
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- 8 Faint
- 9 Angry ones
- 10 Lacking moral responsibility
- 11 Rake
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- 27 Church law
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- 30 Famous Dame
- 32 Crossed over
- 34 Atlantic flyers
- 36 Indian import
- 37 Vigoda and Beame
- 39 Tarns
- 40 Carry on
- 42 In a verbal fashion
- 43 Type of sofa
- 45 "A Rose is a Rose" author
- 46 Was obligated
- 47 Famous Turner
- 48 Cabbage mixture
- 49 Flying prefix
- 50 Arrow poison
- 51 Swan for one
- 52 Made a hole in one
- 54 Electrical unit
- 55 -- can: Depth charge

Good Luck!

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## Antique Dolls Comprise Nice Holiday Exhibit

The Springfield Science Museum is celebrating the holidays with a special exhibit of more than 200 antique dolls on display December 4th to 13th.

The 18th, 19th, and 20th century dolls represent a wide variety of styles, materials, and nationalities. Some were designed as playthings, while others served more lofty purposes and were sent from country to country as ambassadors of goodwill, sold to raise money during wartime, imparted to keep American women abreast of the latest European fashions, or used as fundraisers for the missionary effort in China.

The materials used in the dolls include bisque, highly glazed china, tinted porcelain, painted canvas, papier-mache, wood, cloth, leather, and wax. Some have kid bodies, while others have metal hands and feet. Some wear wigs of real human hair, while others have elaborately-styled, painted coiffures.

Among the rarest dolls an exhibit is a lovely papier-mache lady from Germany, (1850). She has delicate bamboo teeth and what collectors call "flirty eyes" which do not open and close like many modern dolls, but flutter coquettishly from side to side. Another very special doll is a late 19th century Isannah Walker rag doll from Central Falls, Rhode Island. These one-of-a-kind originals represent the finest in American folk art and are highly prized by collectors.

French fashion dolls with exquisitely detailed costumes were brought to this country so American women could copy the latest styles. While preparing them for exhibit, experts Wilma Trepp and Holly Murray discovered that one has a smiling face on one side

and a sleeping face on the other, an extremely rare feature.

Different cultures are represented by ethnic dolls from Mexico, Guatemala, Spain, and the Orient. Soldiers dressed in the uniforms of different countries were collected to support the Allied effort in World War I.

Little girls will immediately recognize "Lily," the rare German prototype who was used as the model for the popular teenaged doll, "Barbie." Other familiar faces include a mint condition Shirley Temple, a Steiff Santo Claus, Uncle Sam, and "Ginny" from the early 1950's.

Many of the dolls are arranged in settings with small scale furniture and accessories. Five doll houses will also be on display, including one portraying a family celebrating Chanukah.

In addition to the dolls, the museum will feature a display of model trains. The two exhibits are part of the Springfield Library and Museums Association's Olde Fashioned Holiday Celebration. One admission fee of \$3.50 will cover entry into the holiday exhibits at the Science Museum, The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Admission to the Science Museum only is \$1 and covers both the dolls and the trains. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. For more information about the doll and train exhibits, please call the Science Museum, 733-1194.

## Agawam Public Library Shows Art By Thomas Conlin

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce an exhibit of art work by Thomas Conlin of Feeding Hills, from Tuesday, December 1st, through January 31st.

The exhibit will present pastels of landscapes, including local scenes.

The public is invited to view the works in the library's gallery during regular library hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Christmas Story Hour Offered By Agawam Public Library

The Agawam Public Library will offer a Christmas Story Hour for elementary school-aged children, Saturday, December 12th, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Program will highlight past and present seasonal traditions through film, stories, music, and games. Children aged five and over may register by calling the library at 789-1550.

## Kids Can Write To Santa Claus

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Simply address your card or letter to Santa Claus, North Pole, Feeding Hills Post Office, 01030, Attention Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Members of the Junior Women's Club will help the Post Office get the kids' letters to Santa as quickly as possible. Please leave a return address on the card or letter.

Christmas is only three weeks away and Santa Claus is anxiously awaiting to hear from the kids of Agawam, so get your letter off, today!

## Agawam Repertory Theatre To Hold Spring Auditions

The Agawam Repertory Theatre will hold auditions for its spring production of "See How The Run," and Thursday, December 10th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street.

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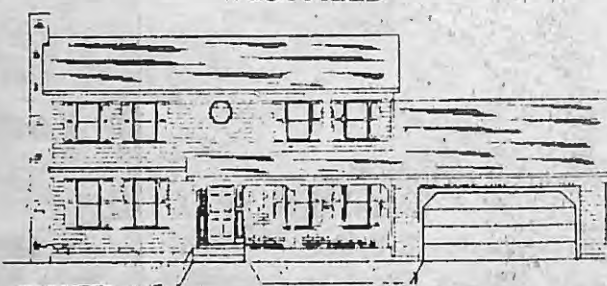
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## Education



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD is shown in formation at Harmon Smith Field. Captains Jennifer Fontaine and Dina Tessicini head the flag lines this year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam High School Mohawks Defend Christmas Parade Title

Agawam High School's "Marching Mohawk" Band and Color Guard successfully defended their State and New England Parade Championship in the Quincy Christmas Parade, Sunday, November 29th.

In addition to the overall first place trophies, special awards were taken for "Best Color Guard," "Best Baton Twirlers," and "Best Music." Agawam High's Drum Majors, David Ziegert and Terri Cimaroli, missed the "Best Drum Major Award" by one-tenth of a point, and the Marching Mohawk percussion section missed out on the best drum section award by two-tenths of a point.

This marks the third consecutive year the Marching Mohawks were named Massachusetts and New England Parade Champions for medium-size bands. The Quincy Parade is designated by the Massachusetts Band Judges Association as its state championship event. The New England Scholastic Band Association also designates it as its Parade Championship Event.

Twenty-three high school bands took part in this year's parade, including groups from Lawrence, Milton, Holbrook, Weymouth, Norton, Chicopee, East

Bridgewater, Pittsfield, Scituate, Abington, Fairhaven, Quincy, Spencer, Douglas, Plymouth, Charlton, Southbridge, Milford, Marshfield, and Bedford.

The Marshfield High Band, winners of the large band division, was the only band to score higher than Agawam in the top three divisions, and will be seen in the Cotton Bowl Parade on New Year's Day.

The Agawam High Color Guard took the top score for "Band Front Units," which include flags, rifles, baton, and honor guard groups. Their score of 95 was the highest of all units in the parade; even three full points ahead of the Marshfield group.

Although this event marks the conclusion of the fall season for the Marching Mohawks, it also was the first chance the group had to compete in a parade contest as the North Adams Fall Foliage Parade was snowed-out, and the Springfield Columbus Day Parade was rained-out.

For many years, parades have been the Mohawks' strong suit, and in 15 competitive parades during the last three years, they have taken the top award in all but two, and these were close second place awards.

## Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

**Monday, December 14th:** Pepperoni and cheese sandwich in roll with tomato sauce, buttered carrots, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday, December 15th:** Hamburg steak patty with gravy, buttered mixed vegetables, wheat bread and butter, oatmeal cookies, milk.

**Wednesday, December 16th:** Steamers frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, potato puffs, mustard, relish, catsup, applesauce or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

**Thursday, December 17th:** Homemade chicken soup, grilled cheese sandwich, buttered green beans, fresh apple or fruit cup, milk.

**Friday, December 18th:** Rotini macaroni in spaghetti sauce, buttered broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, spiced applesauce, or blueberry cake with vanilla icing, milk.

## Holly Cioffari Appearing In Fitchburg College Play

Holly Cioffari of Agawam is appearing in a production of "Scrooge" at Fitchburg State College.

A freshman undeclared major at the college, she is the daughter of Linda & Tony Cioffari.

"Scrooge" is an original musical production of Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol." It is directed by Jay DiPrima, a graduate of the college's master's degree program in arts and education. The music was composed by a student at the college, Michelle Smith, while the choreography was done by Judith Lindstadt, a member of the Fitchburg State staff.

The play is presented by StageRight, the college's student theatre group.

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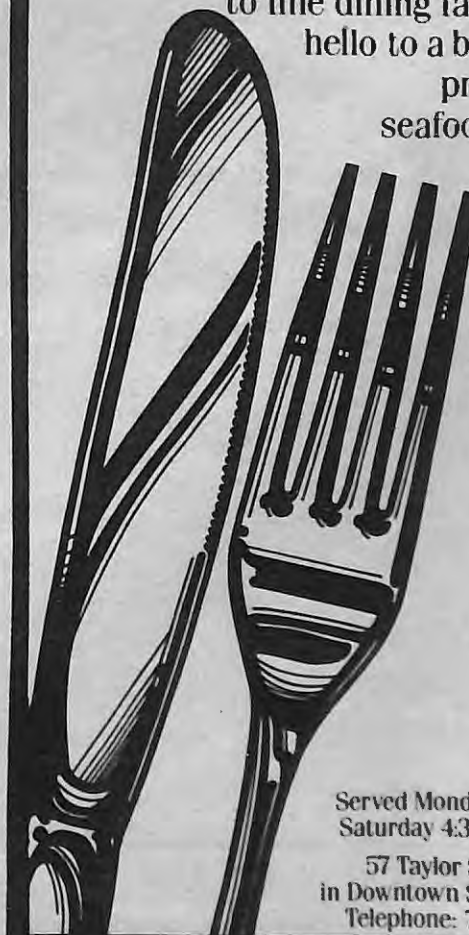
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# Agawam High Mohawks Again Top Xmas Parade List



AGAWAM HIGH MARCHING MOHAWKS Color Guard captains Dina Tessicini, Karen Twarog, and Jenn Fonatine display the hardware for being named "The Best Color Guard Award" at the Quincy Christmas Parade. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DAVE ZIEGERT and TERRI CIMAROLI of the Agawam High Marching Mohawks are quite proud of the many trophies won defending their Quincy Christmas Parade title. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FEATURE BATON TWIRLERS of the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks are Alyson Manning and Kristy Wage. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AHS MARCHING MOHAWKS also received "The Best Music Award" at the Quincy Christmas Parade. From left - Kim Hebert, Steve Kallipolites, Jeff MacKechnie, Shawn Cirborowski, and Chris Fillion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## AHS Professionals Hear Dr. Berte As Featured Speaker

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

The Professional Development Group for teachers and staff at the Agawam High School, which meets every two weeks, heard speaker Dr. Raymond Berte, Monday, November 30th, in the school library.

The December issue of *Redbook* contains an article about Dr. Berte, who is part of the staff at Springfield College's Rehabilitation Department. The article, written by Dr. Bernie Siegel, and Dr. Berte, will also be featured in a future issue of *Psychology Today*. He has written a book entitled, "To Speak Again" with the subtitle, "Living With Cancer."

Dr. Berte had his larynx removed because of cancer and was given six months to one year to live. He refused most of the usual prescribed methods of treatment for his disease and began a rigorous exercise program and holistic approach, with vitamins, to health. That was 14 years ago.

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Last month Dr. Berte began his inspirational talk to faculty members on professional growth and development with a question asked by Psychologist William Molten Marston, "What do you have to live for?" He responded, "Nine out of 10 people wait for something to happen; they are responders to life."

He said that many people will develop a psychosomatic illness, stoicism, with bitterness (accusing and blaming God) if they allow themselves to exist in this fashion. He suggested, rather than reactive lifestyles, that we enjoy "le petit bonheur" or the little happinesses; otherwise, we miss them.

Storm Jameson said, "One person in 1,000 who lives in the present is a proactive lifestyle where we have to take responsibility and action."

He added, "Until you deal with death (not necessarily interpreted in the drastic sense with which Dr. Berte was confronted), there will always be a missing piece. We are always between laughter and tears."

Some of the coping mechanisms he suggested to those in attendance were, "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck, and "For Whom The Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway to learn that we're part of the universe of the soul vs. why fight your battles alone?"

Other resources he gave were not easily accessible at your local library or reference centers, but rather through personal experience.

The resource of character to cope with crisis can be found in the two Chinese characters, Danger and Opportunity. This poses an interesting perspective on reaction opposing proaction. The resource of love can be found in a good support system of people who do well, and the resource of work comes from a desire to leave a legacy.

Finally, according to Dr. Berte, the resource of faith is the belief in life's essential goodness. He said, "Life is not always fair but I do believe in a power greater than ourselves. You have to be an optimist if you're a helping professional and don't be finished before your time."

Many "reactionaires" look forward to the sunset at the end of a hectic day, but, Dr. Berte said, "I love to look at the sunrise."



DR. RAY BERTÉ is welcomed to Agawam High School by faculty members Jim White, Mitze Mackler, Patti Canham, and Sandra Hines. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Dr. Raymond Berte appeared before the Agawam High Professional Development group.

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# Kids' Mind-Builders

## THE FUN TIMES

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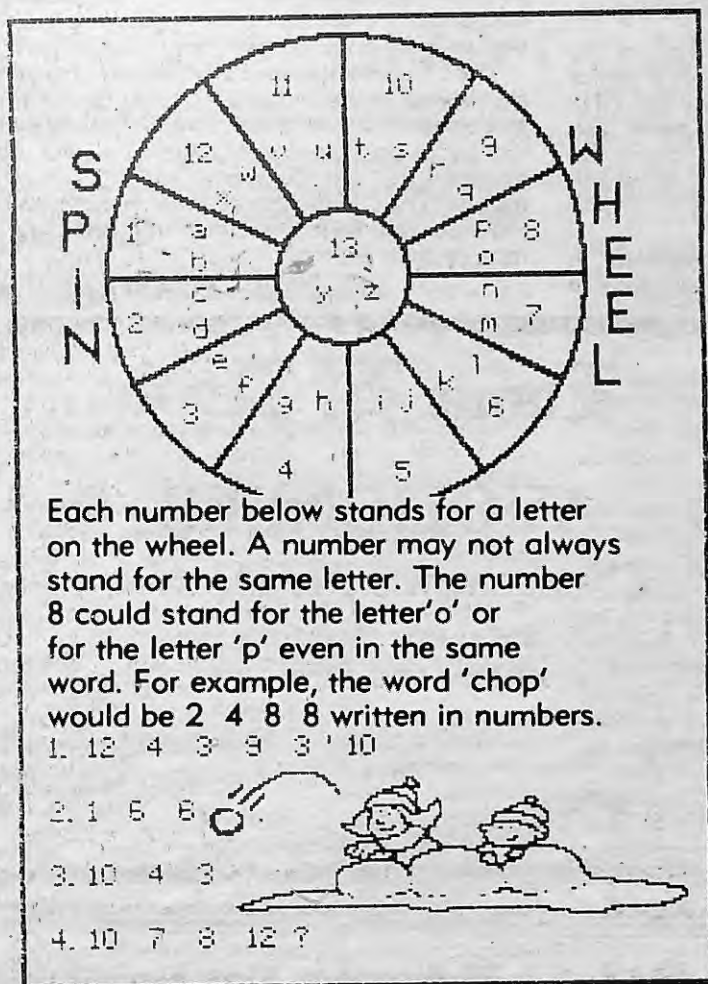
O.K. I was ready!  
Where was that  
big snowstorm?  
Oh, well. Maybe  
next time.  
I hope you can  
handle this, but  
there are only  
14 days left  
until Christmas.  
Here's a test for  
you. What are the  
the names of Santa's  
eight reindeer?  
Answers next week.

## Vocabulary Corner

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A googol is 1 followed by 100 zeros,  $10^{100}$  or:

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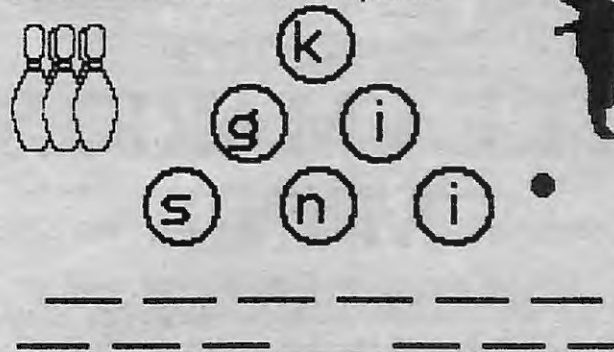
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Use the numbers already given to fill in all the blanks in the cube and the totals for the rows and columns.

## Bowlathon

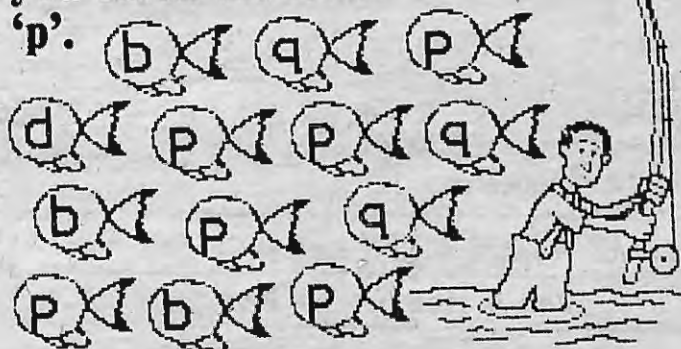
Unscramble the letters to form one six letter word for a strike. Then form two three letter words for a spare.



## Letter Search

## How many times can you catch the letter

'p'.



## Number Search

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**The number 69 is in the search 7 times.**





**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS** at Agawam High School. Back row - Alex Kohli, Jim Anderson, Robert Dintzner, Karen Wright, Anne Llewellyn, Lisa Depergola, John Welch, Frank Moccio, Rick Pryce, Chris Ollari, and Joe Kosinski. Front row - Lisa Connery, Henry Kozloski, Kristine Candido, Kristin Stone, and Beth Regish. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AHS National Honor Soc. Begins Public Sale

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

The National Honor Society at Agawam High School will begin a fundraiser open for public sale this month to "keep the group actively involved in the community," according to faculty member Joseph Zabielski.

"This is in keeping with the qualifications that originally enabled these students to participate in NHS. The students must maintain an academic average of 90 or better in each subject and carry 27 credits. They must also continue to participate in school and community activities, and be of good moral character," he said.

NHS students offer a tutoring service for \$6 per hour, which is approximately 70 percent less than the average rate established by professionals. This is one of the activities that displays the leadership qualities in these students, according to Zabielski. In January, there will be a new selection of students asked to join NHS.

NHS student **Kristina Condido** created the original design displayed on the front of the sweat shirts that

will be on sale during the fundraiser. Kristina hopes to become a fashion designer. The shirts were designed with the idea of maintaining school spirit and will be available for sale during lunch and all athletic events.

Profits from the fundraiser will go to a Toy for Joy Christmas contribution, scholarship fund for a senior at Agawam High School and costs for the NHS recognition banquet in May. Donations were also made in the past to the Lions Club for research for the blind. *The Agawam Advertiser News* will have the NHS's shirts on display at their office.

Any other community businesses interested in displaying NHS sweat shirts for sale at their place of

business or Agawam citizens interested in purchasing the product may contact NHS President Joe Kosinski, 789-1228, or John Welch, 786-5564.

## "Miss Agawam" Winners Named At Local Pageant

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Since 1978 when "The Miss Agawam Pageant" was sponsored by the Agawam Jaycees, Agawam has been without a contest of this kind. The revival of "The Miss Agawam Pageant" for 1988 marked the end of this era and the inception of the 1988 Miss Teen Division.

On Saturday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Agawam High School Auditorium, Agawam residents between the ages of 12-14 (for Miss Teen) and between the ages of 15-21 (for Miss Agawam) had the opportunity to compete in the two division titles.

Judged on poise, character, and overall projection, the recipients for Miss Teen were: Most Photogenic, **Jennifer Schuster** (who also placed second); fourth runner-up, **Stacey Johnson**; third runner-up, **Terriann Polumbo**; first runner-up, **Areecia Ward**; and the winner was **Kelly Parker**. Miss Agawam Teen 1988 said, "I am very happy that I got this award and I want to thank everyone very much."

Terriann was the only 13 year-old among the top five (the others were all age 12). The completed list in this category were **Corine Messenger**, who is also 13; **Vicky Laffomme**, **Lisa Suffriti**, and **Lisa Montgomery**, all 14, for a total of nine contestants. Entries were limited to 10 participants per title.

In the Miss Agawam Division there were originally nine entries but **Susan Andry** (16 years-old) was unable to attend due to illness. Other 16 year olds in this division were **Jennifer Claffin**, **Hollie Nading**, **Jamie Milici**, **Kim Longley** (third runner-up), **Terri Cimaroli** (first runner-up) and winner **Tricia Rea**. Tricia said, "I'm really happy and I was really nervous in the beginning. I'm so happy that Terri won with me; we hoped it would be either this way or vice versa!"

**Amy Koddaras** (age 19) received "Most Photogenic" and "Second Runner-Up" titles, while **Holly Hitchcock** (age 17) received "Fourth Runner-Up." Holly's question posed to her as a top five contender was, "How do you benefit from competition." She responded, "It will encourage me to go on with my career in modeling and professional photography."

The 17 contestants vied for their honors by modeling sportswear in the first event. As entrants left the stage to change their wardrobe, five of Ann Marie's Dance Place Plus (in Agawam) students provided some entertainment for the audience with a fast-paced jazz routine. The contestants then returned to display evening wear and were presented with one long stemmed rose by their escorts.

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# Agawam PTOC Hears About Holiday Stress

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

With the holiday season upon us, the Agawam Parent-Teacher Organization's Council (PTOC) sponsored a presentation by Granger Elementary's Home/School Adjustment Counselor Larry Harbeson to offer suggestions for making this year's season an unforgettable experience.

On Tuesday evening, December 1st, at the Agawam Junior High, Harbeson was the first speaker in a planned series of lectures offered through the combined efforts of all town parent-teacher groups (PTOC). Dr. Warren Schumacher, who writes a weekly column in *The AAN*, is scheduled for January.

"Holidays—A Blessing or Stressing" was the topic of discussion which Harbeson began by stating, "Whether the holidays are a blessing or stressing is our choice. When we understand what is happening, we can be in control; and when we do not understand, the situation controls us."

If we realize the stress that develops from the fast-paced commercialism of advertisement and competition, we can choose to respond in a calm and relaxed manner. "We should avoid trying to put a whole year's emotions into one day. We expect our loved ones to get along with one another, to be totally different, even though we haven't gotten along for 364 days or five, 10, or even 25 years. Holidays are very emotional times," he emphasized.

The emotions can be positive and the holidays a

blessing if we heed a few suggestions to taking the stress out of the holidays. The greatest gift we can give to ourselves and our loved ones is to "give the gift of time. Look at family traditions and either revive some old ones or start new ones to add relaxing enjoyment to the holidays," he said.

"If our attitude is 'I wish it was all over', we will add to our stress and take away from the blessing."

Another recommendation was to look beyond your family and allow your children to become involved, too. "The children will feel good because they reached out to help someone else," he continued. "Make it a goal to enjoy the holidays. A very important ingredient is an understanding of the meaning of Christmas. Then, expand Christmas beyond December 25th. It is only limited by our imagination."

To add a "specialness" to Christmas giving, try making some homemade gifts and cards. This will make children feel important. Harbeson also felt surprise gifts were better than expected gifts, all in the spirit of giving.

He added, "At the time of gift opening, allow one gift to be opened at a time by each family member (taking turns) to help slow things down. It's a good idea to take time for breakfast, too. Be sure to give children space because they feel the stress and excitement as well as us. Remember, it is your choice whether your holidays are a blessing or stressing."

## Children's Courses On Tap At Science Museum

Registrations are now being accepted for children's science courses at the Springfield Science Museum. All classes meet from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Animals in Winter (ages four to six). Meets January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.** With activities and visits to the museum's new Exploration Center, youngsters will discover the many ways in which animals cope with the winter weather. (Fee \$18).

**Inside Out (ages four to six). Meets January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.** Children will listen to their heart beat, examine x-rays, and investigate bones and muscles to learn more about their bodies. (Fee \$18).

**Dinosaurs Large and Small (ages four to six). Meets February 16th, 17th, and 18th during school vacation week.** The world of dinosaurs will be explored through a variety of activities including games, crafts, stories, and a visit to the museum's Dinosaur Hall. (Fee \$14).

**Nature Did It First (ages four to six). Meet February 20th, 27th, March 5th, 12th.** Through a variety of games, hands-on activities and a trip to the Exploration Center, children will discover how animals use their eyes, mouths, feet and tails in different ways. (Fee \$18).

**Creature Features (ages six to eight). Meets February 16th, 17th, and 18th during school vacation week.** Animal adaptations will be investigated through a variety of activities, games, and props including hats with wings, fins or claws, and attachable noses, eyes and ears. (Fee \$14).

**Digging Into Dinosaurs (ages seven to nine). Meets January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.** With fossil bones and footprints and do-it-yourself dinosaur skeletons, children will learn how paleontologists reconstruct the world of the dinosaurs. (Fee \$18).

**Amazing Mammals (ages seven to nine). Meets January 23rd, 30th, February 6th.** With mounted animals, mammal skins, skeletons and skulls, youngsters will learn how mammals live. (Fee \$14).

**Prehistoric Puzzles (ages seven to nine). Meets February 20th and 27th.** Children will become paleontologists as they piece together clues, examine evidence, and draw conclusions about prehistoric life. (Fee \$9).

**Science Investigations (ages eight to 10). Meets**

**February 16th, 17th, and 18th during school vacation week.** Children will use specimens, microscopes, activity boxes, and resource guides as they delve into science in the new Investigation Station. (Fee \$14).

**Kitchen Chemistry (ages nine to 11). Meets February 16th, 17th, and 18th during school vacation week.** Students will learn why dough rises, gelatin hardens, and eggs become hard-boiled as they conduct a variety of experiments that explain the everyday phenomena of the kitchen. (Fee \$14).

**Electro-Magic (ages nine to 11). Meets February 20th, 27th, March 5th.** Youngsters will have the opportunity to build their own magnets, batteries and generators as they explore the principles of electricity and magnetism. (Fee \$14).

**Crime Lab Chemistry (ages 10 to 13). Meets January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.** Students will analyze ink and handwriting, perform tests on a ransom note, and follow clues to solve a series of imaginary crimes. (Fee \$18).

**Astronomy Adventures (ages 10 to 13). Meets January 23rd, 30th, February 6th, and 13th.** In the museum's planetarium, participants will explore the solar system and learn about the sun, the planets, comets and meteoroids. (Fee \$18).

Two evening courses for adults are also being offered:

**Intermediate Photography Techniques. Meets March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.** This seminar is designed for people who have taken a basic camera course or for those who already have a firm, working knowledge of how to operate their single lens reflex camera on manual. Class time will combine instruction and individual evaluation of students' projects. (Fee \$35).

**Current Topics in Astronomy. Meets January 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.** This course will provide a general introduction to astronomy and explore recent planetary discoveries, quasars, black holes, stellar evolution, and space astronomy. The museum's planetarium and telescopes (weather permitting) will be used to observe the heavens. (Fee \$27).

Preregistration is required for all courses and class size is limited. For information please call the Science Museum, 733-1194.

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LARRY HARBESON was the guest speaker for the Agawam PTOC last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Middle School Counselors' Corner

by the Guidance Staff

The first quarter of the school year is now past, and the first half of the second quarter has brought warning notices home to many parents of Middle School students.

Perhaps as we approach the middle of the school year, many parents are asking the question: "How can I help my child succeed in school?"

Ellen Freeman and Thomas Dacey, fifth and sixth grade counselors, respectively, at the Middle School, will be sharing tips on a monthly basis for parents to help their children progress academically and socially.

As teachers and counselors, Dacey and Mrs. Freeman have found that parents who stay involved in the learning process of their children create a climate of success which serves as a springboard for future school achievement. Let your children know right from the beginning of school that their success in school is very important to you and that you expect them to reach their fullest potential. The time to begin is the first day of school. Follow through and make sure they form correct study habits.

**Every child needs a schedule.** Designate a specified time slot each night when your child is expected to be doing homework. Provide your child with a study area that includes a desk or work table, a straight chair, and good lighting. The study area should be away from all noises and distractions. This means no television, radio, stereo, telephone, or family conversation.

Soon after the school year begins, it is important to meet the teacher. Each school gives parents this opportunity early in the year through an "Open House" or "Back-to-School" event. Parents should make a concerted effort to attend this event and any other parent/teacher conferences. If attendance at these scheduled events is impossible, make an appointment to meet your child's teacher early in the school year to check on his progress.

Don't discover with the first warning notices that your child, who said he/she never had any homework—wasn't completing his assignments.

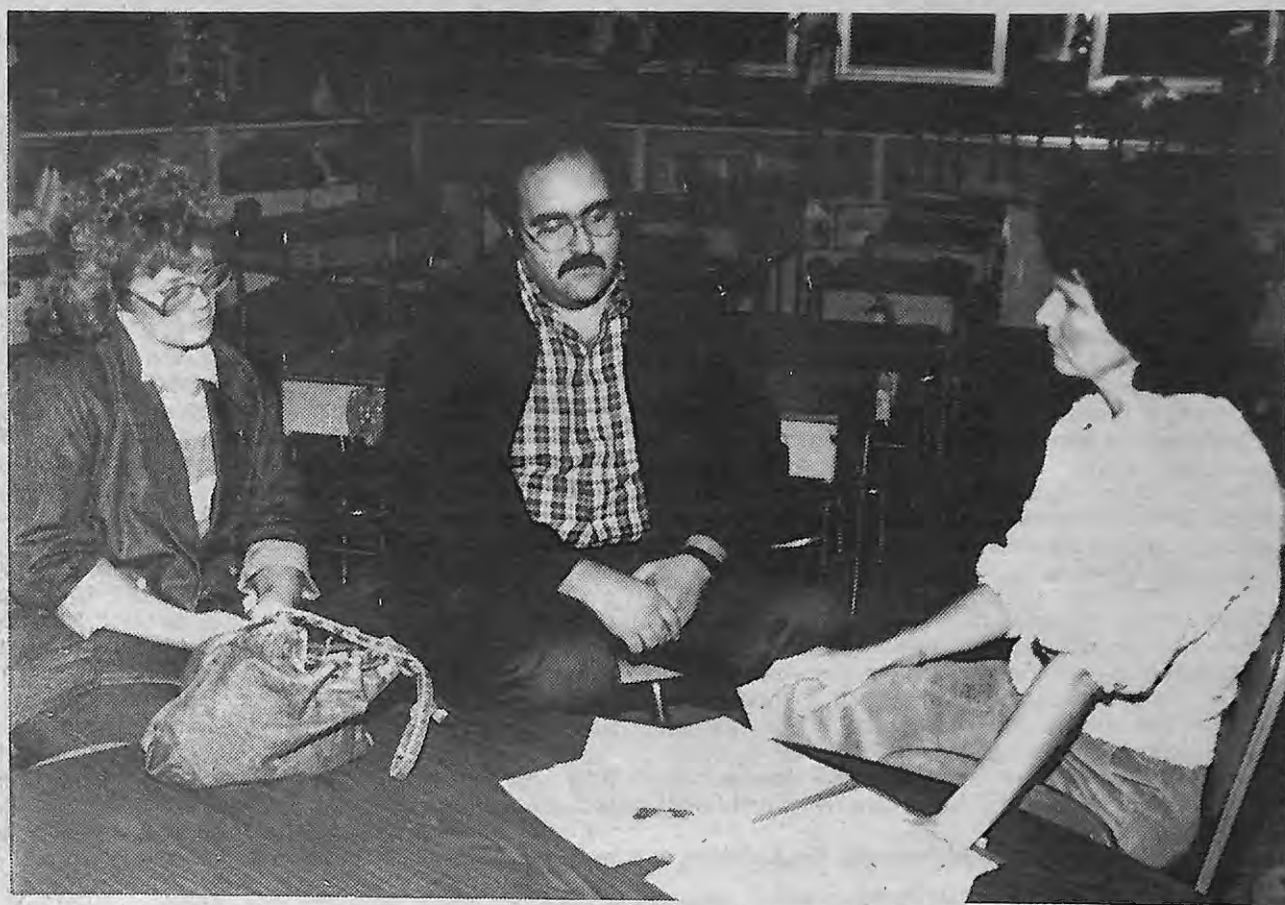
At the same time, tell the teacher any special concerns or problems your child may have. For example, it is important for the teacher to know if your child wears glasses or a hearing aid. Particularly during the middle school years, children become very self-conscious and may not wear their glasses or hearing aids for fear of "being different," or of "being made fun of" by their peers.

Certainly, failing to wear glasses or a hearing aid in school when they are needed will greatly impede a child's progress.

The need for parental cooperation with the schools cannot be overemphasized. Experience has shown that when parents and schools work together the students have a much improved chance of success.



## Clark School Holds Open House



**PARENTS SUE & PAUL SANTANELLA** visit with Clark School second grade teacher **Laura Lewis** at the school's Open House last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**CLARK SCHOOL TEACHER SHERYL MARDEUSZ** discusses classroom curriculum with **Peter & Doreen Egan**. Miss Mardeusz is a first grade teacher at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Then, while the judges tallied their votes for the top five contenders - Ann Marie's "Junior Dance Company," did a routine. The third number performed by the studio was a routine that won second place in Dance Educators of America's competition, entitled, "Showing Out," done by **Chris Liska, Linda Morris, Gina Rondeau, Marnie Kinney, Kim Disco, Michelle Morin, Chris Fillion, and Stacy Boliski**. Ann Marie also donated a scholarship to her Modeling Studio for one of the pageant prizes that night.

Lori Andrus-Boyle directed and produced the pageant through her company, International Beauty Queen Association. All judges were members of the company, including Debbie Marquiss, Michael Lajoie, Terry Thomas, Debbie Spano, and Janet Valentino. Mrs. Andrus-Boyle is also a dance instructor at the Westfield Boys & Girls Dance Company.

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## Agawam Middle School HONOR ROLL

### GRADE 6

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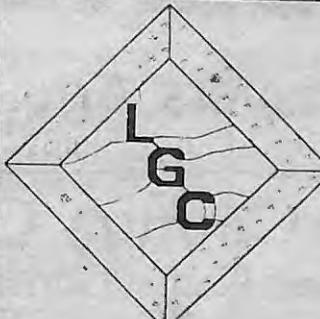
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### GRADE 5

Jason Alberti, Jason Aloisi, Paul Arnold, Joseph Beauchemin, Kami Beaulieu, Scott Belisle, Jeannette Bilodeau, Barbara Bitgood, Thomas Bobrowski, Stephen Bodurtha, Christina Bousquet, Maureen Briere, Mark Brittain, Jaime Brodeur, Suzanne Brown, Denise Campisi, Dom Candido, Jr., Lynn Carra, Brooke Cashman, Brian Chechile, Matt Cristy, Brian Colby, Jennifer Collins, Jennifer Cote, Natalie Creanza, Jessica Crowley, Robert Daly, Matthew Danner, Justin David, Dina DeMarco, Becky Dennis, Mark Dickerson, Joseph Dilizia, William Drewnawski, Michael Dutton, and Frank Fila.

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# Christmas Stories

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On Christmas we get to put our Christmas tree up. We have lots of things to put on it. We gather around and open presents. It is my grandma's birthday so we celebrate it too. We love to sing and be happy too.

Amanda Blaisdell

Christmas is a time to give and return. I like Christmas because I like to open presents. We have my grandparents come down for dinner and we open the presents. We always listen to Christmas music. It makes us feel real happy! We certainly have the Christmas spirit at our house.

Doreen McEwan

I like Christmas because I like the presents and I like the fire and the snow. I get a good feeling! We have a nice tree and it is snow covered. I like to spend Christmas with my family. I love them all a real lot.

Alfonso Scala

I think Christmas is a fun holiday. I get a lot

of love and warmth from all my family. We get presents and I check my stocking. I really think Christmas is the best holiday of the year!

Matthew Harrington

I like Christmas because of all the snow. It makes me feel happy! I have a good family too! There is lots of love and sharing in my family. I just love Christmas!

Derek Benton

Christmas means happiness to me because we get lots of presents. Christmas is special because we have lots of bright lights. I get lots of love on Christmas. When we set up our Christmas tree it is so pretty. This year we have a new baby to share our love with. Christmas will be very special at our house this year!

Tammy Smith

I love Christmas! It's special because my birthday is on it. My whole family comes to my house. We have corn, turkey, and peas to eat. I love the spirit of giving at Christmas time. Everyone in the world is happy!

Sarah Mission

I like Christmas because my family comes to my house and we have a grab bag every year. I like to see them because they live far away. Christmas is a special time of the year! We always sit in front of a fire and keep warm and sing Christmas carols!

Tara Fiorini

On Christmas I like the feeling the warm fire gives me. I like sharing and caring with others in my family. I like how kind and generous everyone is. I like the snow that falls and the lights that shine and surprises too!

Daniel Akalis

On Christmas my family watches the parade. My cousins come over my house and we all celebrate this favorite holiday. We all join in sharing Christmas presents and sing our favorite Christmas carols together. Christmas is a very happy time at my house!

Raymond Olkowski

# Postal Award Winners



**PHIL GIRARD**, officer in charge, Feeding Hills Post Office (back-left), is pictured with the four award winners of the Post Office's recent contest run in all four elementary schools. Students pictured are Jodi Brouder, first; Christopher French, third; Linda Roy, second; and Joseph Giordano, fourth. Looking on is Granger School Principal James Loomis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL - LEGAL NOTICE**

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Miss Leary received a bachelor of science in business administration, with a major in marketing.

Western New England College is a private, coeducational institution serving more than 6,500 full-time and part-time students each year with undergraduate and graduate programs in its Schools of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.

## Agawam Library Accepting Applications For Page

The Agawam Public Library is seeking a part-time individual with good filing skills and in excellent physical condition to sort and shelve one-half of all the books, magazines, and other materials constantly returned to the library. The job also involves maintaining good order of all library shelves.

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This job is critical to the smooth operation of the library because if books are not returned to the shelves, or are out of order, citizens cannot find the materials they need.

Further information and applications may be obtained from the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street. Telephone, 789-1550. Applications may be obtained and must be submitted to the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 36 Main Street.

## Holiday Pops Concert Set By Springfield Symphony

Music Director Raymond Harvey of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra has announced the performance of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in Holiday Pops concerts, Saturday, December 12th, at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 13th, at 3:00 p.m.

Each performance will feature a variety of holiday favorites, including selections from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel," and Lully's "French Baroque Suite."

Also included will be a traditional Christmas carol medley, including "Away in a Manger," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Up on the Housetop," "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," "While Shepherds Watched," and "Hatikvah."

The audience will be encouraged to sing along with many of these holiday songs. Lyrics will be provided with the program books. The concert will close with "The Christmas Song," "I'll be home for Christmas," "Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!," "Five Christmas Carols," and "O Holy Night."

A very special guest appearance will be made by a jolly elf arriving at Symphony Hall on a sleigh and eight tiny reindeer. This portly gentleman will appear at both performances bearing goodies.

The audience is invited backstage to the Green Room to greet Maestro Harvey immediately following the performance. Partial funding for this concert has been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Council for the Arts and Humanities.

Tickets are available by calling PHONECHARGE, 733-2291, or in person at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 31 Elm Street, Suite 210, (Court Square), Springfield, MA, 01103. Box office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Ursula Retzler  
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# Sports

20 Years Ago, The End Of A Five-Decade Football Dynasty

## AHS Class Of '67 Remembers Well The School's Last AA Conference Title

by Michael S. Sardella  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When talking about a team that won five AA Conference titles in 10 years, including three straight from 1964-1966, it's hard to know where to start. The Agawam Brownies of those years were one of the more dominant teams in the state.

The teams were rooted in a long tradition and pride, dating all the way back to 1924. Each team seemed to take on the attitude that the legendary Green Bay Packer coach Vince Lombardi had - "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

This attitude was never more evident for the guys in orange and brown than in the mid-1960's when an amazing 26-game winning streak was chained. Make no mistake about it - these were a special group of athletes, who were taught how to win. And boy, did they win.

It's been 21 years since the AHS Brownies have won an AA Conference title. Little did the class of 1967 realize that their title in the fall of 1966 would be the last for the school.

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When looking back on those high school glory days for AHS, former coach **Harry Leonardi**, who was at the Brownies' helm for 12 years (starting in 1955), says, "Our success was due to a combination of things. We had a bunch of super kids who were willing to work hard. They were all unselfish. Everyone contributed. It wasn't just a few guys."

Most new people in town probably fail to realize how good the Brownies were during five decades of winning. Back then, football was a big thing in town. There were no soccer team, no cross country teams, no field hockey teams - just football. Life was much slower, and the town was still considered a small farming community.

And townsfolk couldn't get enough of it - Brownie football.

Back then, the team and the town shared a special relationship - one that this area has not known since then. Each game drew at least 2,500 fans, and many

crowds exceeded 5,000. Agawam loved its team and supported it faithfully every week, regardless of the weather.

In return, they watched one championship season after another. Ironically, the end of this glorious era came with a 26-game winning streak. Whenever the team won, the town won. The feelings ran that deep. Many players from the championship years of 1964-1966, especially the class of '67, still recall the excitement the town displayed when it came to football.

Says **Tom DeFilipi**, a 1967 graduate who made All-Western Mass. as a running back, "The town support was just incredible. They got us fired-up for every game. And when you'd see your fans outnumber the opposition's fans at an away game, it made you want to win just for them sometimes."

The winning streak, which many of the veteran townsfolk still vividly remember, got started in 1963, as the Brownies won their final few games. These victories gave the locals the momentum to carry over to the 1964 season. In 1964, the only loss AHS suffered was an independent game to Chicopee Comp, who was not part of the AA Conference at that time.

The Brownies went on to win the rest of their games and captured the conference title. In 1965, the locals had perhaps their finest year ever as they ran over anything that got in their way. The Brownies were undefeated, taking their second straight title.

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The '65 team was huge, and the offensive line (as well as the defensive line) controlled the pits with a ferocious demeanor. Guys like **Ron Young**, a 265-pound tackle, **Dennis McGrevy**, a 230-pound tackle, and **John Connelly**, a 215-pound guard, ran over just about everything in front of them.

All three were All-League players, along with teammates **Bob Carr** (tackle), **Rick Progulski** (end), **Bill Polopek** (halfback), and **Sam Provo** (quarterback). The Brownies were clearly the dominant team in WM and

were considered among the best in the state.

Young, who received All-American status, was a mountain of a schoolboy. Stories of his incredible strength have made him a legend in this town with the old-time football crowd. He was known, according to the legacy, to bend nails with his fingers and rip telephone directories in half with ease. And these are just a few.

"Ron was really an incredible sight," recalls **Cliff Kibbe**, who was an assistant under Leonardi for six years before taking the head coaching job for six years (1968-1973). "Ron was so strong it was scary. He could do some amazing things," said the present-day athletic director of AHS.

Young got a shot with the New York Jets right out of high school, but inexperience was a factor. He decided to stop playing the sport and starting working, instead.

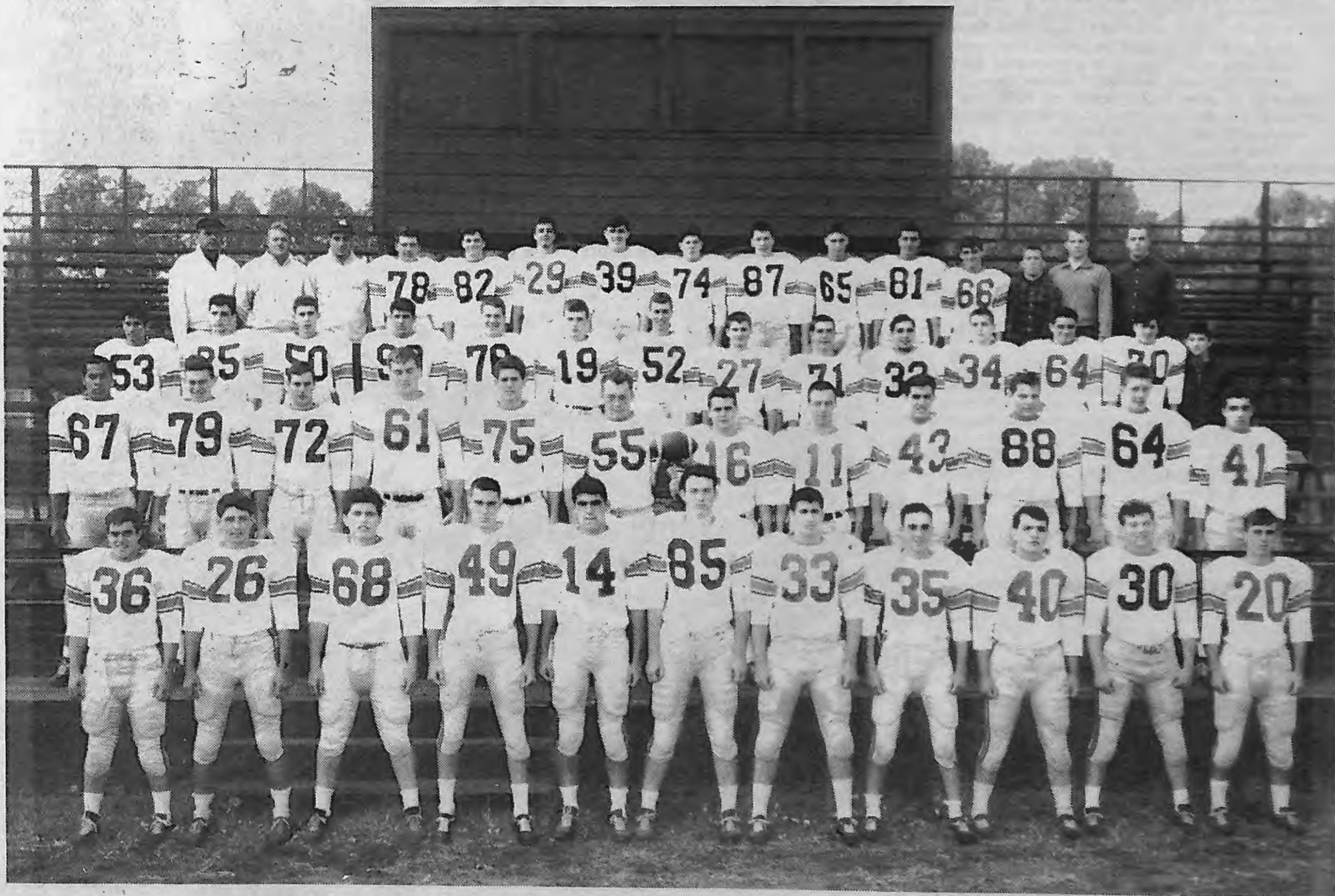
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After taking back-to-back league titles, the Brownies were picked to finish third the following year (1966-class of 1967). AHS was losing most of its size and strength from that incredible '65 team. But Leonardi got his troops believing in themselves, and they shocked the area with another title.

The first game of the season was an 18-18 tie with Cathedral. After that game, Agawam won the rest of its games to annex its third straight title. Team member **Don Gravel**, now an employee of the Agawam Post Office, recalls the season with pride.

"After the tie in the opener, we all came together and played some excellent football," he says. Being picked third got us mad at the start - and we were motivated to win another title. It was quite an experience."

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL 1964 team. This team started the string of three straight AA Conference titles. In back row, right, are coaches Harry Leonardi (head), Cliff Kibbe, and Jim Bruno.



## ERA ENDS - From Page 49...

The town was really Brownie-crazy by now. Townsfolk stuck behind their team all the way. Many of the players remember how signs were put up all around town as the win streak continued to climb into the 20's. There were bonfires, rallies, motorcades, and many other things to promote "Brownie Pride" during the year as the team, school, and town basked in the success.

"After taking the two titles in '64 and '65, we lapsed a lot of size and were a much smaller team, but we went out and proved to everyone we could still win games," says **Mike Wilson**, a 1967 grad, who was one of the three tri-captains of the team.

**Bill Menard**, another captain and '67 grad, who was an All-Western Mass. player as a defensive tackle, says about the team, "We just got on a roll and there was no stopping us. The town's support was fantastic, and we were very confident. Coach Leonardi had us prepared for every game, both physically and mentally, and that made a big difference."

Leonardi called his '66 Brownies "**Lean, Green, Mean Team**," as much of the dominant size and strength the locals had possessed in '64 and '65 had graduated.

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Leonard was a coach that strongly believed in tradition (as his predecessor, Harmon Smith, had so often preached). Just about every Friday night the team would meet at his house to go over films and discuss plays for Saturday's game. The team would then meet at about 8:00 a. m., Saturday morning in the school's parking lot. He and the players would sit in the stands for several minutes, then line-up on the 2-yard line before walking downfield.

They would recall the 98-yard touchdown from the past of **Dick Glogowski** and then get into the locker-room to listen to fight songs and get ready for the game.

"By then, we were psyched-up for the game and couldn't wait to play," recalls Gravel. "It was the tradition - it mentally prepared us for every game."

"I remember doing those things before all the games," says DeFilipi, who's brother, Bob, (a year younger) also played on the team. He (Leonardi) really knew how to get us ready for an opponent."

The Brownies finally suffered a loss after winning 26 straight games. It came in the first game of the season in 1967 vs. Cathedral. The troops in the orange and brown began to become an average team. It was never quite the same again.

But how can a team keep the pace that followed the 1964-1966 years, as well as five decades of dominance? It was just about impossible. But those years of winning three straight titles before the era ended will always be remembered here.

"Everyone was so dedicated to winning and we had some excellent talent back then," says **Sam Provo**, a '66 grad who left the school as one of the finest all-around athletes ever. Provo was a three-year football player and a four-year basketball player (one of two players ever to score 1,000 points at AHS - he still holds the scoring record). Provo is currently the basketball coach at Commerce-High School.

**Don McGrevy**, a 1966 grad, who was a three-year performer on the football, basketball, and track teams, looks back on the success of the Brownies and says, "We had an excellent coach who really knew his stuff. He was very demanding and was tough in practice. But all the hard work paid-off. Being a part of those teams was quite an experience."

McGrevy is currently a representative for the Air National Guard, remembers his All-Western Mass. season as a tackle vividly. Also, he was a Scholastic (Coach) All-American, along with Young, Connelly, and Polopek.

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When recalling Leonardi, most of the players admit to his relentless toughness. But all speak of him with respect, and several said he better prepared them for the rigors of life as adults.

"He (Leonardi) really knew how to get the most out of his players," notes **John Higgins**, a '67 grad who was a split end on the '66 team. "We were well-prepared every week."

Adds Gravel, "Harry really put us through a torture test at times. He put high demands on us. But most of the time he just wanted us to give that little extra that makes the difference."

Says Provo, "I can tell you this - no one every questioned his football formulas. He was very knowledgeable and disciplined us to become good, sound football players."

Another of the assistant coaches from the title-winning teams was **Jim Bruno**, a 1958 graduate who had a spectacular grid career with the Brownies - perhaps ever at the school. Bruno, the superintendent of schools in Agawam, scored an amazing 28 touchdowns his senior year and still holds the Western Mass. single season scoring record (174 points - he was on the bench during many games because of the lopsided scores).

Looking back on the teams of the mid-60's, Bruno tells us, "Those few years were something that doesn't happen very often. The talent was excellent and the teams really came together. Harry was a tremendous motivator. He's easily one of the finest coaches to ever coach a team in this area. The school had Harmon Smith, too. How fortunate we were."

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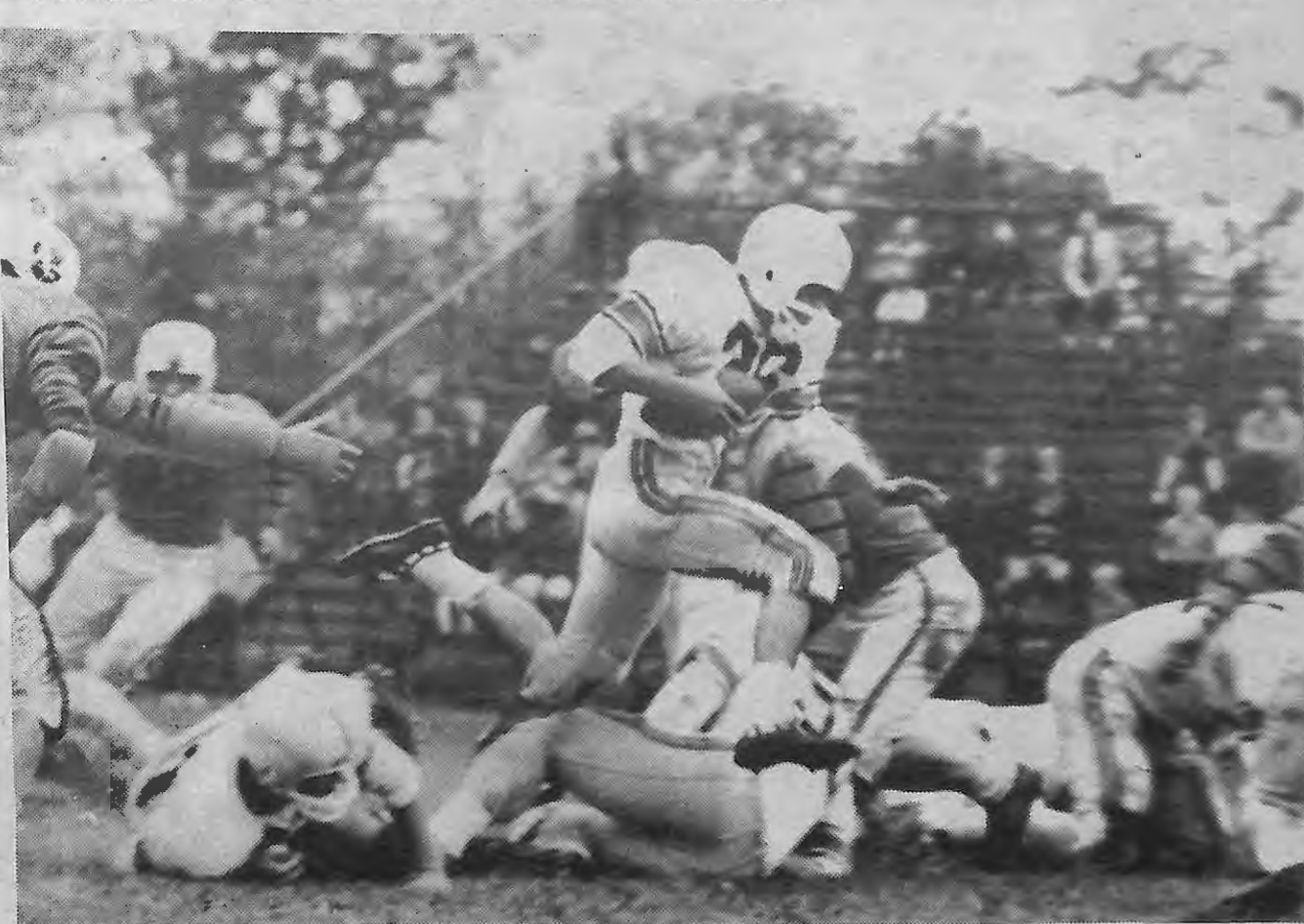
## Glory Day - Oh, Glory Days...



**MEMBERS OF THE 1965 Agawam Brownies offense. Linemen, from left - Ron Young, Dennis McGrevy, John Connelly, Mike DeForge, Bill Menard, Bob Carr, and Rich Progulske. Back row - Sam Provo, Tom DeFilipi, Al Mercadante, Bill Polopek, and Vic Moreno.**



**A MOMENT FOR ALL TIME: Happy Brownie players carry-coach Harry Leonardi off the field after the team clinched another AA Conference title.**



**BILL POLOPEK, considered the school's premiere back of the 1960's, and the best in the past 20 years, according to old-timers we talked to, gallops for another long gain in the starry 1965 season.**



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Bruno, who played under Smith during his final years, as well as for Leonardi, adds, "I was fortunate enough to be part of something special."

Kibbe, another Leonardi's assistants, and a 1947 graduate of AHS, played for Harmon Smith. He understands the pride and tradition involved in the school's football dynasty.

Kibbe concluded, "In the early 60's you could see all the talent coming up. Those guys were simply a different breed than other teams, and it was just the right time. Everything fell together for the team."

The class of 1967, who participated on the last Brownie team to win an AA Conference title, are as follows: **Mike Wilson, Tom DeFilipi, Tom Shaker, Bill Menard, Bill Eggleston, Dan MacPhail, Mike DeForge, David Strole, Francis Sherpa, Lew Chicklas, Charles Santanello, John Higgins, Mike Rossi, Dennis Dudley, Gary Orr, Don Gravel, James Cressotti, and Robert Manseau.**

It's been 20 years since these guys put on an AHS uniform, and many recently gathered for the 20-year reunion of the class of '67. The fond memories were again rehearsed. The legacy they left was replayed, and the countless stories were retold.

Streaks do not last - eras end. But for these guys, as well as for those townsfolk who lived through the mid-1960's supporting Agawam High, the memories left will always glow.

## Agawam Revolver Club Slates Upcoming Events

Falling Plates Matches will start Sunday, December 13th, at 12:00 noon, at the indoor range of the Agawam Revolver Club. Only .22 autos and revolvers will be used. Non-members are invited to compete.

The club's yearly Handicap Matches, for club members only, will start at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 6th, and continue for 10 weeks.

A new NRA Basic Pistol Course, as required by many towns in order to get permits, will be held at the club, Friday, January 8th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, January 9th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Firearms instructor and president of the club Donald Lonco will conduct the classes. Those participating who successfully pass the course will be awarded a certificate.

For information and applications for the course, write to Agawam Revolver Club, Inc., P.O. Box 502, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, specifically asking for a "Course Application."

## Lynne Waryasz Completes Season On WNEC Soccer

Lynne Waryasz, a freshman from Feeding Hills, recently completed the season as a member of the Western New England College women's soccer team.

Miss Waryasz concluded her first year on the team. Miss Waryasz, a forward, finished the year with one assist for the 6-8-1 Golden Bears, under coach Karen Limero.

Miss Waryasz attended Agawam High School where she lettered in soccer and ski team.

Miss Waryasz is the daughter of Richard & Jean Waryasz of Feeding Hills.



**BIG BEEF, INC.** - These three guys were considered to be one of the strongest and most dominant offensive lines in the school history. Three 1965 Brownies, from left - Ron Young, Dennis McGrevy, and John Connelly.



**SAM PROVO** was an All-Western Mass. quarterback for the 1965 Brownies. Here, Provo eludes a tackler for a good gain.

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## Brownies Bask IN Big 8-1-1 Grid Season; Say By To Many Seniors

by Michael S. Sardella  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The record for the 1987 season says it all - 8-1-1. The Agawam High football Brownies had a fine unit on both offense and defense, thereby allowing them to become one of the premiere all-around teams in the region. It was a fun year for the Brownies, filled with many highlights.

Agawam opened the season with three convincing wins over Ludlow, East Longmeadow, and Longmeadow. Next came the season's only loss - to Cathedral - and the locals just didn't play a smart game and paid for it.

That potentially devastating loss was followed by a memorable 13-13 tie with the Bombers of Westfield, the same team that last Saturday crushed Greenfield, 35-14, in the Division I Superbowl. That extra point taken from the Brownies vs. Westfield was still being discussed by those local fans who were attending that debacle at Springfield College last Saturday.

Had the Brownies walked away with a win over Westfield, it would obviously have changed the whole scenario in the AA Conference - but the history books will read TIE. The locals went on to past five straight victories to finish with the school's best record since 1981.

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"We really brought the program back this season," says coach Joe Modzelewski. "This team was filled with excellent athletes. I don't think you'll see a group of such talented athletes here for a while. They were a special squad with an awful lot of desire to win."

And the Brownies had the talent to win. Many players were outstanding football players, but no one was bigger than the team. Agawam in 1987 was often a well-oiled machine which was ignited by several individuals. The team effort, however, was highlighted in most of the victories.

The players as well as the coaching staff were committed to one common goal - winning.

"I knew we were capable of having the season we did," says senior Peter Vecchiarelli, who has a good chance at an All-Western Mass. selection from his mid-



**FOUR SENIOR ALL-WESTERN MASS. candidates for Agawam High School enjoy a fourth quarter on the bench after blowing-out an opponent early - Jeff Reece, Pete Vecchiarelli, Chris Ollari, and Jim Lockwood.**

dle linebacker position. "Everyone had matured as football players and there was a good feeling about the team in the lockerroom from day one. We knew we were going to have some fun this year."

Adds junior quarterback John Serra, "Early on you could see that we were solid at every position on the field. We knew it would just be a matter of us wanting to work hard every day. And believe me - we worked hard."

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Offensively, Agawam was as effective as anyone in the area. **John Serra** led the way with one of the most accurate passing attacks ever at the school. He completed 65-103 passes to finish with an accuracy of 63 percent. He finished with 1,024 yards through the air, good for 14 touchdown passes. Serra was also one of the better place kickers in the region. He had 32 extra points and three field goals (including a 37-yarder).

As for the ground game, sophomore **Jason Wooley** obviously came to mind first. He had one of the best rookie seasons ever at AHS (and that's quite a mouthful considering the past history of AHS football). Wooley rushed for 1,112 yards (199 carries) for a 5.6 average. Wooley also had 14 touchdowns. He still has two years left! Wow.

As a team the Brownies had 1,841 yards on the ground, including 22 rushing TD's and a 5.0 average per carry. Thanks to a terrific job by the offensive line, the Brownie backs consistently found holes to work with.

In the pass receiving department, senior **Jim Lockwood** led the Brownies with 27 receptions for 453 yards. Lockwood averaged 16.8 yards per catch, and he caught 4 TD passes. Senior tight end **Jeff Reece**, who emerged as one of the best in all of WM this year, was right behind with 24 receptions, 8 TD's, and a 13.7 yard average. The 6'4" Reece was a mad bull once he caught the ball. Both Lockwood and Reece are strong All-Western Mass. candidates.

The Brownie offense generated 291 total points - the second best in the AA Conference.

Defensively, Agawam was one tough unit. At times, they could hold the opposition at bay with a swarming, hard-hitting defense. **Vecchiarelli**, one of the team captains, led the Brownies in tackles with 78, averaging nearly 8 per game. He was one of the emotional leaders on the field and was voted the team's MVP by the coaching staff.

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Senior **Jeff Peterson** finished with 68 tackles and also recorded 6 quarterback sacks to lead the team. Peterson, another captain, was one of the hardest hitters in the conference. He teamed with Vecchiarelli to form the heart of the defense, and was another emotional leader on the field.

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Modzelewski is quick to point out that assistant coaches **Dean Vecchiarelli, Gary Geiger, and Jim Phelan** did wonders to get the team prepared on both offense and defense. As he says, "I am blessed to have such a fine coaching staff. They really made my job much easier."

Speaking more on the season, Modzelewski notes, "We were sure one of the best teams in the area, and it was nice to see the guys play up to their potential on many occasions. Overall, I thought we gave townsfolk a good show."

They sure did. And with such a fine season under their belts, it's tough not to look to next year.

Agawam will be facing an awful lot - both on offense and defense. Serra and Wooley are back - that's the good news. The bad news is that the locals are losing 10 of 11 starters on defense. So that unit will need to be rebuilt, as well as the offensive line.

## END OF THE SEASON NOTES:

...Three Agawam players finished in the top 10 in AA Conference scoring - **Wooley** (4th-84 points), **Serra** (7th-55 points), and **Reece** (9th-48 points)...The Brownie defense allowed only 99 points, second best in the league...Other top rushers for Agawam included **Tom Cascio** (51 carries-267 yards), **Jay Votakis** (24 carries for 89 yards), **Mike Cleavall** (9-77), **Lockwood** (11-74), and **Ken Blews** (17-71). **Blews**, a junior, is a true blocking fullback, and an unsung hero for all his excellent blocking...**Serra** threw a touchdown pass in 9 of 10 games.

Other players with 25 or more tackles include **Lockwood** (39), **Alan Boucher** (33), **Votakis** (32), **Scott Mazza** (31), **Reece** (28), and **Jack Patterson** (28)...**Vecchiarelli**, **Lockwood**, and **Chris Ollari** led the team in interceptions with four each...The Brownie defense recorded 17 sacks, with **Peterson** (6) and **Reece** (3) leading the way...Agawam was 6-0 at **Harmon Smith Field**...**Wooley** had five 100-yard plus games, and is the only sophomore to surpass the 1,000-yard barrier in many years at AHS...A big thanks to **DAVID VECCHIARELLI** for all the help with the stats this season.

## Susan Harpin Of Agawam On WNEC Soccer Team

Susan Harpin, a junior from Agawam, recently completed the season as a member of the Western New England College women's soccer team.

Miss Harpin concluded her third year on the team. Miss Harpin, a right wing, finished the year with four goals and four assists for the 6-8-1 Golden Bears, under coach **Karen Limero**.

Miss Harpin attended Agawam High School where she lettered in soccer and track.

Miss Harpin is the daughter of **Frederick & Christine Harpin** of Federal Street, Agawam.

# Final Fling For AHS Senior Gridmen



**SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS** of the Agawam High School varsity football team, pictured at the school's recent banquet. Seated, from left - **Rick Sheehan, Mike DiLullo, Scott Bovat, Jack Patterson, and Chris Ollari**. Standing - **Jeff Reece, Ed Modzelewski, Tom Cascio, Mike Bonavita, Scott Mazza, Alan Boucher, Jeff Peterson, Jim Lockwood, Pete Vecchiarelli, and Chris Scott**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES** (standing, from left), **Dean Vecchiarelli, Joe Modzelewski (head), and Gary Geiger**, are pictured with this year's team captains - **Scott Mazza, Jim Lockwood, Peter Vecchiarelli, and Jeff Peterson**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Jason Wooley Proves He's A Rare Talent To Grace AHS Grid

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When describing a player such as Agawam High tailback Jason Wooley, words such as these usually come to mind. The sophomore tailback finished one of the finest individual seasons in many years in a Brownie uniform, and he led the squad to a fine 8-1-1 record. But more than that, Wooley displayed some of the flashiest and quickest moves seen at Harmon Smith Field in many moons.

Says coach Joe Modzelewski, "Watching Jason play speaks for itself. He is a rare talent with outstanding athletic ability. He's also very coachable and a hard worker. Jason is just a super kid."

What impresses Modzelewski more than natural talent is how Wooley handles himself off the field.

"Jason has a super attitude and he's an intelligent person. He has handled all the attention very well. And let me tell you - many kids wouldn't have been able to handle it. But Jason keeps the right frame of mind. Players like this don't come around too often."

They sure don't. Wooley combines hard work with natural talent to be the most he can be, to note a popular cliché this days. And did this guy have a terrific season on the gridiron this past fall.

The fleet-footed number 22 rushed for 1,112 yards, scored 14 touchdowns to finish fourth in the AA Conference, picked-up another 80 yards on receptions, and had a nifty 5.6 average gain every time he touched the ball. Other than that, JW didn't do too much.

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But Wooley quickly changes the subject when talking about himself. He praises the team that had the best record at the school in six years, instead.

"Without my teammates, there's just no way I could've had the season I did," says the soft-spoken Wooley. "Everyone on the team was dedicated to winning - and the offensive line was simply fantastic all year. We were like brothers all season, and that kind of closeness is worth a lot more than any individual statistics."

With words like that, it's easy to see why Wooley was liked by both the coaching staff and fellow teammates. Despite being talked about throughout town, he has remained the same person - which is probably the most admirable quality about him.

Wooley grew up in Arthur, Illinois - a town that would rival French Lick, Indiana (Larry Bird's hometown). Only 2,000 people reside there. Wooley started playing football at age nine, and he was coached by his father, Allen, for five years in a local junior football league.

He played both ways back then, and was extremely versatile - quarterback, tight end, flanker, and outside linebacker on defense. Needless to say, Wooley was the team's most valuable player every year. He also participated on tracks teams at an early age. He started playing basketball at age 11.

Says Allen Wooley about his son, "Jason always had a natural ability no matter what he tried to do. He could do many things other kids couldn't, and I knew he would grow up to be a fine athlete. But he's also worked very hard."

After Wooley finished eighth grade, his parents, along with he and his brother, Nathan, planned a move east - the result of his father's employment change. So in July 1986, Agawam had a new family in town - the Wooleys.

Says Wooley recalling the move, "I kind of kept to myself for a while to just get used to moving. I really didn't know anyone in town until after school started in September."

And with the start of school comes the football season - and when football is being played, Wooley is playing. After the first week of tryouts, freshman coach Lou Conte was smiling - but no one knew why until the first game of the season. After that game and the next few, football followers in Agawam began hearing Jason Wooley's name with regularity. **SEE JASON WOOLEY - Page 57...**



**AGAWAM'S RELIABLE NUMBER 22** is off to the races for a long gain vs. Chicopee Comp earlier this past football season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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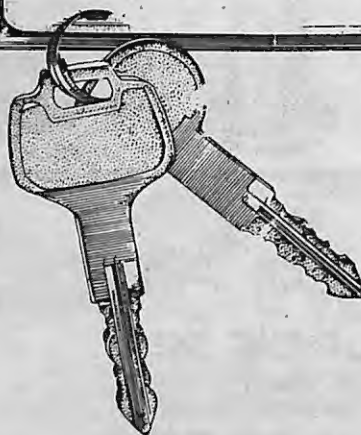
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JASON WOOLEY - From Page 56...

Wooley went on to set the school record for touchdowns in a season at the junior high (20). He continued to display his athletic ability in the winter as he was a starting guard on the basketball team. He led the Warriors to a 16-2 record with a 17.0 scoring average.

In the spring, Wooley participated on the high school track team. He was involved with both the 300-yard low hurdles and the long jump. He finished second in Western Mass. in the hurdles and qualified for the State Meet. When was the last time a freshman did that at AHS?

With a freshman year in sports such as that, Wooley hit the high school as one of the more highly-touted athletes in years. So far, he hasn't disappointed anyone. In fact, he probably performed past the expectations held for him before the fall football season began.

Talking about her son, Jason's mother tells us, "I can really say that all the intention he's drawn hasn't changed Jason one bit. And I know he wants to be treated just like anyone else."

But with his talents, it will be hard to be treated as "normal." For now, Wooley just wanted to be left alone to concentrate on hoop. "I am looking forward to the season, and I hope to help the team win as many games as we can," he says.

Wooley, who grew up as a Chicago Bears fan, is a big admirer of Walton Payton. He says the move to this area was a rough transition for him, but the many friends he's made has made it much easier. Does he regret having to move?

Wooley pauses for a moment, and his blue eyes gaze off into space. He then responds, "Not at all. It has really been terrific. I love it here."

It turns out that one of the best moves the Wooley family has ever made was coming to this town. And the Wooleys have been welcome additions, not just because of Jason's talents, but for being extremely nice people.

And what is a definite loss for Arthur, Illinois, is definitely Agawam's gain.

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## Kelly Sullivan Ends Soccer Career

by Michael S. Sardella  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

To most high school athletes, winning is the ultimate goal. Individual achievements take a back seat to what the team has set out to accomplish. Many, or shall we say, most schoolboy/schoolgirl athletes can only dream of their team winning a title before they move on past high school.

For Agawam High senior Kelly Sullivan, the dream came true. The star striker of the most successful girls soccer team ever at AHS managed to attain the best of both worlds this past season - she won the Fielding Division scoring title and her team took both the Western Mass. and State titles.

But the soft-spoken Sullivan is quick to say that the team titles outweigh the individual stats by a wide margin.

"There's just no comparison," she says. "The individual things are nice, but what the team did this year is something I'll never forget. I know I'll never have a better time in athletics than I did this past season. It was really special. And probably the most gratifying aspect of it is that we all worked so hard in making it happen."

Sullivan began playing soccer at age seven. After a brief interest in music, she became involved with the Agawam Soccer Assn. Her potential was witnessed by many folks. She was participating on boys' teams and was holding her own. It didn't take her long to become a fine player, and she soon began to excel as a striker (right wing).

Her father, Jerry, coached her for five years along her journey through the ASA and the Pioneer Valley Soccer League. Jerry, who's been coaching youth soccer since 1975, was the first president of the ASA (1977-1978). Both Jerry and his wife, Marilyn, have been actively involved in youth soccer in town, as well as the high school level, for many years.

In fact, when Agawam soccer is mentioned, the Sullivan family usually is prominently included. The eldest Sullivan daughter, Jerilyn, is a 1981 AHS graduate and a 1985 Western New England College grad. She played one year of soccer at AHS, and has been a coach for a few years.

Missy, a 1985 grad from AHS and current student at Westfield State College, is a former All-Western Mass. striker for AHS. She left the school as the all-time leading girls' scorer (not anymore, thanks to Kelly) with 59 total points, including 37 goals. Missy coached the

AHS junior varsity this year and is an assistant to head coach Bill O'Brien, her former mentor at AHS.

Tom, a 1987 AHS graduate and current student at STCC, was a three-year member of the boys' varsity soccer team. He was a fine fullback for the Brownies, especially during the 1986 Division I title campaign.

Both Missy (1982) and Tom (1986) were involved with WM title teams in their high school careers. So knowing that, wasn't there pressure on Kelly to be part of a WM title team, too?

"There sure was," Kelly laughs. "I know if we had lost in the final against West Side that I never would have heard the end of it from my family. It was a relief. This family takes its soccer seriously."

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And the relief couldn't have felt any better when Kelly's left-footed, 20-yard blast found the net with six minutes gone in the second half. Her goal snapped a 2-2 tie in the WM final at Szot Park. It proved to be the game-winner. Not a bad way to finish off your senior year, eh?

But that wasn't it for Sullivan and the Brownies. They went on to defeat Marlboro in the State semifinals (2-1), and Kelly scored the game-tying goal. Next up was Andover in the finals, and since neither side could score after regulation and seven overtimes (122 minutes), the teams were declared "Co-State Champions."

In the final seconds of that game, the fleet-footed Sullivan launched a rocket from her right wing side that the Andover goalie just tipped over the crossbar - that shot had goal written all over it. Kelly just laid on the turf in disbelief after the shot.

"It was unfortunate that we were not able to pull that game out," she says, "and although I don't agree with the format we had to play under (no shoot-out to decide a winner), it's better to be co-champs than nothing at all."

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Sullivan finished her career at AHS as the all-time leading scorer. She broke her sister Missy's record with several games left in the season. Kelly ended with 69 total points (43 goals and 26 assists). As a sophomore, Kelly had 13 goals and 5 assists (18 points); junior, 12 goals and 8 assists (20 points); and this past season, 15 goals and 11 assists (26 points). She did score one goal as a freshman.

SEE KELLY SULLIVAN - Page 58...

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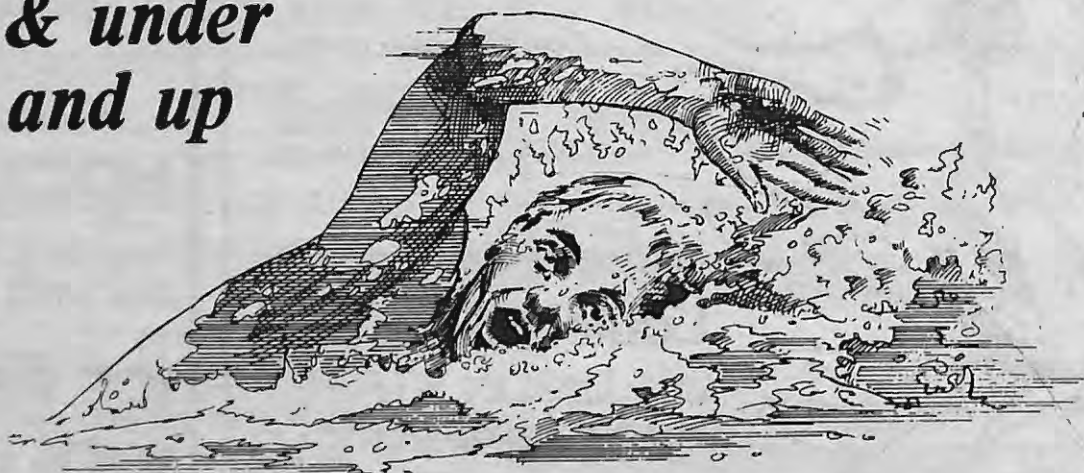
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## KELLY SULLIVAN - From Page 57...

After taking the Fielding Division scoring crown, Kelly picked-up another 3 goals and 2 assists in the post-season.

As for breaking her sister's record, Kelly modestly tells us, "Without my teammates, I never would have done it. They all share in it with me."

Says Missy, "I knew it would be broken eventually. It was nice to see Kelly do it. I was very happy for her."

Kelly, who has Westfield State College and AIC seeking her soccer talents, received other accolades for her play. She was named "Most Valuable Senior" at the recent AHS soccer banquet. She will undoubtedly be an All-Western Mass. selection, and even has a shot at All-State honors.

Moreover, Kelly was also recently awarded the "John Kalloch Award" for being the most valuable player in the WM Tournament (voted by the tourney's referees).

AHS soccer coach Bill O'Brien, who has seen Kelly play as long as anyone says, "Kelly is one of those irreplaceable players. We'll definitely miss her next year. She is easily one of the finest players I've ever seen and it was a pleasure to coach her for a few years. She was really special."

Special indeed. And at the recent AHS soccer banquet, held at Chez Josef, Kelly had a special message for her many teammates that are returning next season to defend their WM Division I crown.

"Next year I want all of you to go all the way," she said to her teammates, "and I don't want you to be co-champs, just State Champions, because you deserve it."

Kelly Deanne Sullivan. The most prolific goal-scorer in AHS girls' soccer history. She'll be missed, but not forgotten.



KELLY SULLIVAN  
Striker



KELLY SULLIVAN (right), is pictured with the team's three other graduating seniors -Kellie Wright, Kelley Erskine, and Marlo Montesi, at the team's Annual Banquet at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## SPORTS TRIVIA

**"Test Your Sports Knowledge"**

by Michael S. Sardella  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Well folks, it's that time again—you know, sports trivia time. I sat back in my chair the other day and thought up some questions to stimulate some thinking on your part about the sports world. As usual, some are easier than others. But most of you will struggle with them—I think. Anyhow, go to it!

1. **Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky** recently recorded his 1,000 career assist. Who is the only other player to ever accomplish this feat?
2. Who was the 1986 **Rookie-of-the-Year** in baseball?
3. What is the nickname of **UCLA's** athletic teams?
4. **MISL** stands for what?
5. Who was the American League **Manager of the Year** this year?
6. **Steve Largent** of the Seattle Seahawks has caught a pass in how many straight games?
7. **Dennis Johnson** of the Boston Celtics attended what college?
8. What NHL team is known as the **Canucks**?
9. Name the tennis player who is known as "**the big cat**."
10. Who are the only two boxers to ever beat **Thomas Hearns**?
11. Miami's **Dan Marino** had his streak of throwing a TD pass in consecutive games stopped at how many games?
12. Who owns the **Cincinnati Reds**?
13. Who holds the NBA record of consecutive **free throws made**?
14. What two **Minnesota Twins** players hit grand slams in the World Series?
15. Name the **four divisions** in pro hockey.
16. Who won this year's **Master's** title in golf?
17. Before coming to the NBA, **Julius Erving** led what ABA team to the title?
18. Who are the only two **NBA teams** to ever win back-to-back titles?
19. Who holds the all-time **rushing record** for a single game?
20. **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar** of the Lakers was recently held to seven points to stop his streak of double figure games at how many?
21. Who won the **10th Player Award** for the Boston Red Sox this year?
22. The **Edmonton Oilers** have one of the best pair of goaltenders in the league. Name them.
23. What **quarterback** holds the record of five straight games with over 300 or more yards passing?
24. **Tom Watson** chipped in on what hole to beat Jack Nicklaus in the 1981 U.S. Open?
25. **Larry Bird**, the Living Legend, turned what age on December 7th?

### ANSWERS

1. Gordie Howe
2. Oakland's Jose Canseco
3. The Bruins
4. Major Indoor Soccer League
5. Detroit's Sparky Anderson
6. 149 straight games
7. Pepperdine
8. Vancouver
9. Miloslav Mecir
10. Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvin Hagler
11. 30 games
12. Marge Scott
13. Calvin Murphy (with 78)
14. Dan Gladden and Kent Hrbek
15. Patrick, Adams, Norris, and Smythe
16. Larry Mize
17. New Jersey Nets
18. Boston Celtics and Minneapolis Lakers
19. O.J. Simpson (with 273)
20. 787 games
21. Dwight Evans
22. Grant Fuhr and Andy Moog
23. San Francisco's Joe Montana
24. 17th hole
25. 31 years-old (time flies, doesn't it Larry?)

### Joseph Easton On WNEC Soccer Team

Joseph Easton, a sophomore from Feeding Hills, recently completed the season as a member of the Western New England College men's soccer team.

Easton concluded his second year on the team. Easton, a defensive player, was a solid contributor for the 10-7-1 Golden Bears, under coach William Downes. Easton attended Agawam High School where he lettered in soccer.

Easton is the son of George & Kathleen Easton of Feeding Hills.

## Agawam Invaders - Pioneer Valley Champs



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM INVADERS**, champs of the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League, Division A. Back row, from left - Assistant coach Dot Schmaelzle, Alison Jean, Eve Dunbar, Cynthia Stone, Nicole DeCosmo, Katie Guiel, Jill Miller, and Coach Allan Freeman. Front row - Diana DeMarco, Deana Bracci, Jennifer McElligott, Shauna Nacewicz, Christine Freeman, Deanna Knodler, and Kristen Schmaelzle. The team's record was 11-1-2.

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In 1951, The Riverside 500, an interesting "tog team" type race was added to the schedule. It remained popular as a mid-season special until its demise in 1978. Drivers enjoyed the challenge of the distance and the team concept, and the fans like seeing the extra racing excitement and strategy. Germano and Gordon Casey, both of West Springfield, won the inaugural event. On Tuesdays in the 1960's, more cars were towed to the track than driven. Through the years, Tuesdays became the groving ground for many of today's Modified stars, as well as some who have retired.

In 1972, the track was enlarged to a banked quarter-mile. NASCAR took over as the sanctioning body in the bicentennial year. For 1986, there was a new Riverside Speedway. The speedway's banks and turns were built higher and wider. Riverside Park Speedway opens its 1988 season March 26th. Come and be a part of our history.

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## AHS Seniors Feted At Soccer Banquet



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL seniors were feted at the school's recent soccer banquet. From left - Rick Brown, Jim Pirro, Claudio Manes, Tom Walz, Joe Chiarella, Joe Walz, Ricky Parolo, Steve Simmons, Joe Martin, and Paul Poole. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

### Great Feats Of Deerhunters

Well, I am blushing. I wrote that the deer herd was declining because of the number of deer not being seen during the bow season. It seems that the final count of deer taken by the bowhunters during the three week season may break another record in this state.

Last year, 679 deer were bagged—the preliminary total has reached 654 deer with three or four stations not checking in their tallies yet. I can't fathom why there is always a delay in sending in the final number of deer checked in a station.

If every station kept records like Barb's Bait Shop does in Southwick, the final count could be made public in two days after the season is over. In 1986, the preliminary telephone survey showed 601 deer, a figure which climbed to 679 by the time all records were received and counted. So, it is assumed by the division staff that the same will happen this year and a new record will be realized.

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It makes me feel good when an old-timer still has the gusto to outdo the younger generation. My friend of many years and former bowhunting companion had a big year this season. **Wallace Roberts, Sr.**, of Palmer bagged a 154-pound, 8-point buck November 10th and returned to the woods to kill a 151-pound, 10-point buck November 18th.

Wally is a down-to-earth, excellent bowhunter that earned his expertise the hard way—experience. When we started to bowhunt in 1953, there was no books to guide us. We learned by trial and error, and the fun and enjoyment knew no bounds while we learned. The friends and comrades we made in those years has withstood the ups and downs of time and are very dear to all of us. Of course, "Father Time" has thinned the ranks, thus bringing the remaining few closer together.

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On the other hand, the gunning season is undergoing a severe change from last year. The tally is down: In the Western District, the tally is down 42 percent; Connecticut Valley District, 45 percent; Central District, 25 percent; Northeast District, 22 percent; and the Southeast District, down 2 percent.

The wise men blame the poor opening day with the downpour of rain. I know that I was one of the many that stayed home opening day. But how do you account for the poor tally with a fresh snow on the ground and the quiet walking because of the soft snow? How do you account for only four hunters in an area this Monday, a week after opening day, when more than 100 have been counted in previous years?

I loved the conditions. I didn't see a single deer but the cat and mouse game with them was very enjoyable. Their tracks in the snow gave them away, but they still out-maneuvered us. The lack of hunters is still puzzling.

However, those that were successful took some bruisers. Our own **Peter Sadowski**, 25 Homer Street, Feeding Hills, is walking on air. He bagged his first deer after trying for 10 years. It was a 190-pound, 10-point buck out of the woodlands of Hampden. Pete was hunting with his dad and grandfather at the time.

The Western District, where most of the deer are harvested, had tallied 1,337 deer through Saturday, down 292 from last year's corresponding figures. Of that total, only 862 were bucks, compared with 1,138 last year.

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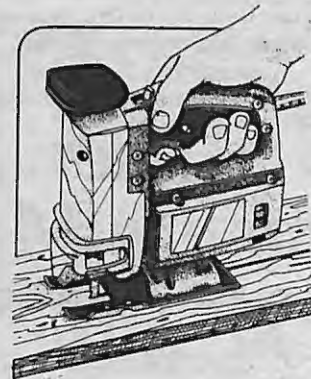
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Dated this 8th day of December, 1987. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company, Springfield, telephone number 785-5871, extension 2480.

Petition AG-1247 - STREET: Shoemaker Lane  
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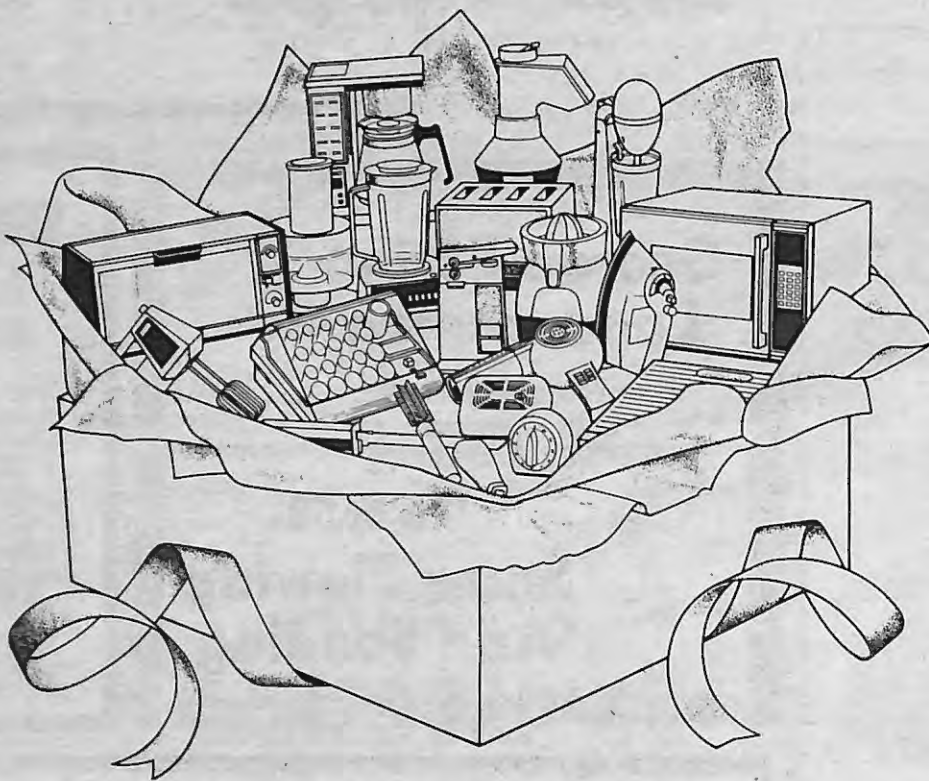
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